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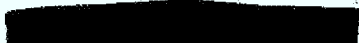
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At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the United States. Will continue to follow and report on his activities while abroad and in the United States upon his return. (u)

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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. ROBESON has had close contacts with National leaders of the CP, USA. During the time he has been abroad he met with NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and has publicly praised the Soviet Union.

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Synopsis:

Subject traveling abroad; has stated will reside in England, where he reportedly owns property, but will return periodically to USA. Employment abroad: concerts in Great Britain, Ireland, and USSR; to make films in USSR; tour East Germany; and appear at Shakespeare Theater, England. Confined to hospital in Moscow, January, 1959, but reportedly recovered from illness. Bureau Internal Revenue drops action against ROBESON for taxes on \$25,000 Stalin Peace Prize awarded in 1953. CP has actively promoted sale of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand." Book is also reportedly to be published in Berlin. Listed as member, Joseph North Testimonial Committee; subscribed to "The Worker," one year beginning 9/17/58; lauded by JOHN WILLIAMSON in "The Worker" column, 10/19/58. Participation in concerts set forth.

[REDACTED] states he will make film come-back in USSR; made Honorary Professor of Moscow State Conservatory of Music, 9/14/58; plans tour of East Germany in spring, 1959; arrived in Moscow, 12/30/58, for month's stay; illness not to prevent appearance at Shakespeare Memorial Theater beginning 4/7/59. Wife appeared at NCASF rally, Carnegie Hall, NYC, 11/14/58, and stated PAUL ROBESON intends to return to USA; also attended and spoke at a function sponsored by Committee of Women, NCASF of which she is co-chairman, and denied that husband will remain permanently abroad.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

PAUL ROBESON is presently traveling in Europe and the Soviet Union. (See Section III below).

The "New York World Telegram" issue of September 22, 1958, carries a column entitled, "Robeson Prefers to Live in Britain." This article reads in part as follows:

"American Negro singer Paul Robeson said last night he plans to live in England and go back to the United States only as a visitor.

"Robeson, as well known for his leftist politics as his singing, made his surprise announcement to a concert audience of 1500 here.

"From now on I am going to make the British Isles the center of my cultural activities," he said.

"Whenever I go back to America it will be for a short stay--an overnight stop, so to speak."

In this regard it might be noted that NY T-1 advised on October 28, 1958, that he recalled ROBESON once having told him that he (ROBESON) owned a half a million in property in England. The informant was unable to recall whether ROBESON had meant pounds or dollars in referring to the half million in property.

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The "New York World Telegram" issue of November 15, 1958, page seven, carries an article entitled, "Robeson No Exile His Wife Insists." This article states in part that ROBESON's wife, ESLANDA, stated that her husband had been deliberately misquoted in news stories from London to the effect that he would never return to the United States. Mrs. ROBESON declared, "My husband considers that his home is in the U. S.A."

B. Employment

ROBESON has given concerts in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USR), and plans a concert tour of East Germany. He reportedly is planning to make films in the USSR and is scheduled to appear at the Shakespeare Memorial Theater in England during 1959. (See Section III below).

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D. Miscellaneous

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of

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February 5, 1959, on page six, carries a column entitled, "Robeson Wins Tax Battle: Stalin Prize Ruled Exempt." This article reads as follows:

"Singer Paul Robeson today won a five-year battle to escape taxation on the \$25,000 Stalin Peace Prize he received in 1953. The Internal Revenue Service announced it is abandoning its claim that the Negro entertainer owed Federal income taxes of \$9,655 on the award. In effect, the Revenue Service took the position that the Stalin Prize -- the highest Soviet award of its kind -- is in the same tax-exempt category as the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes. Mr. Robeson, sixty, is now seriously ill in a Moscow hospital. He went to Russia after winning another lengthy fight to obtain a passport. The I.R.S. said it was conceding defeat because a careful study of previous court decisions, tax rulings and other precedents had resulted in the conclusion that the government's claim could not be sustained. Mr. Robeson claimed the Stalin Prize was a gift rather than compensation for services rendered. He told the tax court he at no time engaged in any activities or performed any services in expectation of the award."

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

A. Activity of the CP Concerning Distribution of ROBESON's Book

"The Worker" issue of August 17, 1958, page

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thirteen, carries a column which states in part that a third printing of 15,000 copies of PAUL ROBESON's "Here I Stand," has been announced. According to the article sales for this book have already passed 25,000 copies. The article states ~~further~~ that a Berlin publisher is bringing out a German-language edition of 30,000 copies this fall.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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The "Daily Worker" of May 6, 1957, on page three, reported that JAMES E. JACKSON was elected to the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) at a meeting of its National Committee held on April 27, 28, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

A characterization of New Century Publishers is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

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[REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a meeting of the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. According to the informant it was announced at this meeting that the Industrial Section had purchased twenty-five copies of PAUL ROBESON's book and paid cash for them. The Section intends to loan these books out on consignment to the various clubs in the Industrial Section. b1 b7D

On [REDACTED] furnished material pertaining to the [REDACTED] CP [REDACTED]. Included among this material was a one page mimeographed document entitled, "Paul Robeson Book Sales (\$1.00 Edition) as of September 2, 1958." This document listed the quotas assigned to the various New York State CP County organizations.

The figures reflected that 2,149 books had been sold as contrasted to an assigned quota of 25,000 for the entire New York State CP.

[REDACTED] (c) [REDACTED] On [REDACTED] furnished a b7D subscription offer card distributed at the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA, held September 26, 1958, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. This card reflected that in connection with the Ben Davis Election Campaign, an introductory subscription offer of fifteen issues of "The Worker" together with PAUL

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ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand" is being offered for \$1.50 or fifteen issues of "The Worker" for \$1.00.

BEN DAVIS was a candidate for New York State Senator, 21st Senatorial District, New York City, sponsored by the People's Rights Party.

The People's Rights Party (PRP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a meeting of the [REDACTED] CP, held in Los Angeles, California, on [REDACTED]

The informants' information reflected that HY LUMER, described by the informants as "National Education Secretary of the CP" was among those present at the meeting. LUMER reportedly stated during the meeting that the National Education Commission of the CP was largely responsible for the distribution and sale of over 20,000 copies of the recent "ROBESON book."

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] made available a copy of a mimeographed letter reading in part as follows:

"December 15, 1958

"TO ALL DISTRICTS:

"Here is some wonderful news for you about Paul Robeson's best-selling book, 'Here I Stand.' By arrangements with the publishers we have secured a special price --- far below any discount available up till now--for bulk orders placed by our districts. Now, for pre-paid orders for 500 copies or more of the \$1 edition, the price to you will be only 25¢ per copy! (plus \$2.50 postage per hundred copies.)

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"Paul Robeson's book has gotten a warm response wherever it has been introduced, and individuals and groups who have concentrated on selling the book have had remarkable success. One of the most recent examples has been the sale of close to 300 copies, person-to-person,..... in Philadelphia.

"The sale thus far of more than 25,000 copies of 'Here I Stand,' with its militant message and program, has been a splendid contribution to the Negro people's movement of our country. But much more can and must be done to bring this book to masses who have still not been reached.

"Now, with this special price, we expect that the campaign to sell this book will gain new momentum. The unusually large discount will make it possible to subsidize full-time selling by individual comrades (as has been done successfully in a number of areas), and to use the sale of the book for fund-raising purposes.

"We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity without delay. Orders should be sent directly to the publisher-Othello Associates, Box 283, Manhattanville Section, New York 27, N. Y.

"Comradely,

Bob Thompson"

"The Worker" of July 13, 1958, on page fourteen, identifies ROBERT THOMPSON as Executive Secretary of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

B. Miscellaneous

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[REDACTED] a copy of a letter captioned, "Joseph North Testimonial Dinner Committee." The letter further identified members of instant Testimonial Committee and stated that the Committee was formed for the purpose of holding a banquet in honor of JOSEPH NORTH. PAUL ROBESON's name was listed as a member of this Committee.

"The Worker" issue of December 21, 1958, on page one, identifies JOSEPH NORTH as Foreign Editor of "The Worker."

[REDACTED] advised on September 5, 1958, that subject, PAUL ROBESON's domicile in the United States is 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

"The Worker" issue of October 19, 1958, on page six, carries an article entitled, "London Letter" by JOHN WILLIAMSON.

JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949 in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to serve five years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000. He was released from Federal prison on March 1, 1955.

WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant of deportation and departed from the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

The article entitled, "London Letter" reads as follows:

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"In the midst of his concert tour of Britain, Paul Robeson agreed to an interview with the London and New York Worker. After being shown around the London Worker building, Robeson answered the questions of London D. W. assistant editor George Matthews and myself.

"He took issue with comments in the press that implied there was something strange about his recent announcement to make London the centre of his cultural activity. Many actors and musicians, like Laughton, and Isaac Stern have spent long periods in Britain, just as British artists spend much of their time in America, he pointed out.

"He had a wonderful welcome in Britain. He was in the midst of a 28-city concert tour of the Isles, the first tour of which he had completed. Everywhere these concerts were sold out. He had had the opportunity of singing to millions of people on television. Next year he hoped to appear in Othello and another modern play now being written.

"It is natural," said Paul, "that returning after nine years absence I should plan to spend a good deal of my time working here. For progressive American artists, there are not such great opportunities today to appear in the theatre and on television."

"He wanted to assure his friends in America that 'I am on call to go back at any moment to take up the struggle again and hope to make trips back and forth to America, though I make London my centre.'

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"In his role as an artist he wanted to play his part in establishing the necessary contacts between the American and British people. 'Since Mr. Dulles and Mr. Macmillan can get together,' he said, 'it's about time that all sections of our folk get together.'

"'There is another America,' he said, 'beside that of Mr. Dulles. I am proud to be a part of what I like to call progressive America.'

"He felt if Dulles can come over here and talk to Britain's leaders, the ordinary people should do likewise and not go their separate ways. 'The outspokenness of the people in these isles over the question of China has strengthened the forces of sanity in the U.S. and gives encouragement to millions of Americans who are afraid to speak out,' he stated.

"His role as an artist, he said, does not divide him from the people or from having opinions on events occurring throughout the world or in his own land.

"'What I do as an artist is closely bound up with the struggle for a better world' he said, and drew comparisons with the contributions of composers like the late Vaughan Williams or Benjamin Britten. The role of Dr. Linus Pauling as a scientist is similar, he added.

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"For himself, he said:
'My position is the same as it has
always been, only it has deepened.'
He explained his opinions are deeply
Socialist and that the future of man-
kind lies on the path the Socialist
part of the world is treading.

"He talked at length on many
subjects. Highlights of this conversation
were:

"American Negroes and liberation
struggles of colonial peoples. 'Today,
when Ghana and India have been established
as new nations, when there is a tremendous
growth of the liberation movement in
Africa, you can tell that the American
Negro has a sense of pride in Africa.'

"Little Rock and the struggle
for school integration: 'The Supreme
Court has again sustained its judgment.
Faubus' actions cannot be allowed to go
through. The real issue is whether the
Administration will defend the democratic
rights of Negro citizens. The Negro
people are determined to become first
class citizens. The American people,
Negro and white, will have to organize and
bring pressure to bear to realize this
aim.'

"Race riots in Britain. 'I am
glad that the majority of the British
people and especially the Labor Movement,
recognised the need is for unity of all
peoples and was sure they would not allow
continued attacks on West Indians and
Africans, since this was against the
interests of white citizens also.'

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"Ben Davis candidacy for New York State Senate. 'Many of the advances in New York City were ushered in during the period when my dear friend, Ben, gave leadership as Councilman. As the Negro people fought for Congressman Powell against the party "machine" they will come to the aid of Davis. No finer person could they find in Albany to represent them than Ben Davis. I send him my best wishes.'

"Soviet Union. 'My recent visit has shown me what tremendous growth there has been since I first visited there in 1934 and later in 1938 and 1949. I saw the great progress made in Usbekistan. It seemed to me that in the children of the Soviet Union I could see the future for us.'

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"Paul then turned to what he says the press always asks him. 'Do you confirm or deny that you are a Communist?'

"He pointed out how the U. S. Supreme Court has established that Communists had the right to propagate their principles and rejected the original Smith Act allegation of conspiring to overthrow the Government by force and violence. 'I would put it this way. Brave members of the Communist Party have made great sacrifices in the interests of their country. That is why I will not accept these attacks. I count them -- Ben Davis in particular -- as my friends.'

"Referring to your correspondent, Paul said: 'The American people miss people like Johnny Williamson. We hope he

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"will be able to come back to us, though of course he is already part of Britain -- of Scotland -- as well as of America."

"In winding up he told us he hopes to visit India at the beginning of the year in response to many requests. And he is considering requesting the U.S. Government to grant him permission to visit China. 'I hope that public opinion will succeed in doing away with some of the restrictions which hamper the free movement of artists,' he said.

"He again talked of the heartening experience to meet so many thousands of friends in Britain and how he was impressed by the large number of young people coming to his concerts who had never before heard him sing."

BEN DAVIS referred to in the above article is identified as Chairman, New York State CP in "The Worker" issue of October 26, 1958, page three.

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL AND ACTIVITY THEREWITH

A. Concerts

"The Worker" issue of August 10, 1958, page two, carries an article which reads as follows:

"In Ebbw Vale, Wales, the main streets are flag-bedecked for the National Eisteddfod (Music festival). Crowds packed the main pavillion and the overflow pavillion Aug. 2, and 8,000 voices were raised to sing with Paul Robeson the chorus of 'John Brown's Body.' Sharing the platform with Robeson was Aneurin Bevan, the town's M. P.

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"(member of Parliament), who earlier had tea with Robeson and Cecil Smith, steel plant executive. Robeson last visited Wales 20 years ago when he filmed 'Proud Valley.' To help finance the festival, miners in the valley gave a penny each."

"The Worker" issue of August 24, 1958, page two, column three, carries an article concerning ROBESON which reads as follows:

"Paul Robeson was getting a hero's welcome in Moscow, where 12,000 persons packed the Sports Palace to hear him sing and to speak and to be introduced as the Soviet Union's 'great and dear friend' and a 'fighter for peace and friendship throughout the world...'"

NY T-15, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised that ROBESON arrived in Belfast, Ireland on November 17, 1958, and presented a concert on November 17 and 18, 1958 to capacity houses at Grosvenor Hall, which seats about 1,800 persons.

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Information furnished by the informant reflected that except to thank the audience for the support he had received in the "fight" for the return of his passport, and to say that this return was the result of a decision by the Supreme Court, he made no statements of a political or controversial nature. (S)(u)

Additional information furnished by NY T-15 reflected that PAUL ROBESON gave a recital before a capacity audience in Usher Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 6, 1958. (S)(u)

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According to the informant the Edinburgh "Evening News" and the "Bulletin," a morning daily serving both Edinburgh and Glasgow, featured interviews with ROBESON. Both papers quoted him as saying, "My politics are to free my people. That is the core of my struggle." The "Evening News" quoted him further as saying "I don't want any double-talk about the American democracy until my people are as free to walk the earth as anyone else --- if a Negro said things like that in America he was cracked down on."

The informant advised further that in the same interview that he stood for the end of nuclear testing, the recognition of China, complete freedom and peace.

The November 26, 1958, issue of "Variety," a publication dealing with the entertainment field, on page seventy-three, carried an article entitled, "Robeson Well-Received In Concert in Glasgow." This article reads as follows:

"Glasgow, Nov. 18.

"Paul Robeson, making a one-night concert appearance last week at St. Andrew's Hall, was warmly received in a program of German, Gaelic, Yiddish and English folk songs and a reading of the death scene from 'Othello.'"

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"Vet local critic Robins Millar commented that the Negro baritone, a controversial figure in his native U. S., has a voice 'as grand as ever' and does not need the microphone he uses. He rapped the singer's 'uncouth' platform manner, however, describing him as 'lurching to the piano.'"

**B. Miscellaneous Activities
in Connection With Foreign
Travel**


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The September 3, 1958, edition of "Variety," page two, carries an article concerning ROBESON, which reads as follows:

**"ROBESON'S PIX RETURN
UNDER RUSSIAN AEGIS**

"Washington, Sept. 2.

"Paul Robeson plans to make a film comeback via Russian pix. So the actor-singer told an audience at the Asian-African Film Festival in Tashkent, Russia, at which he was guest of honor.

"A Soviet broadcast, beamed in English to India and Pakistan, and picked up by U. S. Government monitors, described in great detail the Robeson stint at opening of the Commie-inspired film fete.

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"The Singer, who has frequently tangled with Congressional investigators and immigration authorities because of his alleged Commie leanings, compared Western films unfavorably with those of Eastern producers. The West, he stated, concentrates on detective stories, while pix made in Asia and Africa 'truthfully reflect people's lives,' and educates them in the spirit of humanism.

"Pravda, commenting on the festival, stated editorially that it was a graphic illustration of the 'solidarity of film workers of various countries with differing social systems.'

"Speeches of United Arab Republic and Indonesian delegates were also featured on Russian broadcast."

The "New York Journal American" issue of September 14, 1958, on page fifteen L, carries an article under the dateline "London, Sept. 13." This article states in part that PAUL ROBESON was made an honorary professor of the Moscow State Conservatory of Music, according to the Moscow Radio.

The "New York Times" issue of September 17, 1958, on page seven, under the caption, "Robeson to Tour Germany" carries a column which states that according to the East Berlin newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," PAUL ROBESON plans to tour East Germany during the spring of 1959. The article further stated that ROBESON expected to complete two films in Russia one of which would deal with his life story.

The December 31, 1958, issue of the "New York Times," on page twelve, in a column entitled, "Paul Robeson Is in Moscow" stated that PAUL ROBESON and his wife arrived in Moscow on December 30, 1958, to start a months stay in the Soviet Union.

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The February 11, 1959, issue of the "New York Times" carried a column entitled, "Robeson Will Perform As Othello in England." This column reads as follows:

"Paul Robeson, American singer and actor, who was reported to be seriously ill in Moscow last month, will be able to undertake the title role in 'Othello' on April 7 at the Shakespeare Memorial Theater, Stratford-on-Avon, England.

"This information was sent yesterday by Mr. Robeson in a cable from Moscow, where he is recuperating, to his New York lawyer, Robert Rockmore. According to Mr. Rockmore, his client was feeling much better and had decided to return to London in mid-March.

"Officials at the Shakespeare Theater, where 'Othello' had been scheduled as the opening bill of its new season, previously were notified by Mrs. Robeson that her husband was suffering from bronchitis and exhaustion.

"She said he would be compelled to forego the acting assignment. He was taken to a Moscow hospital on Jan. 12 and is now resting in a sanitorium."

IV. ACTIVITIES OF WIFE

[REDACTED] furnished the following information on [REDACTED] concerning the Rally for Peace and Friendship, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on November 14, 1958: b7D

The rally started at 8:00 p.m. with approximately 2,000 persons in attendance. The first speaker introduced was ESLANDA ROBESON, wife of PAUL ROBESON.

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Mrs. ROBESON spoke mostly about the trip she and her husband made abroad and she commented upon the warm reception they received in England and the USSR. She stated she had learned two words in Russian, "Welcome Friends," because these two words she had heard everywhere she and her husband went. Mrs. ROBESON remarked that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be in the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] furnished additional information concerning the above-mentioned function.

According to these informants, ESLANDA ROBESON spoke of the enthusiastic reception she and her husband had received in England and the Soviet Union and she stressed the fact that PAUL ROBESON is an American and intends to return to the United States of America.

Concerning the above-mentioned rally, "The Worker" of November 9, 1958, on page fifteen, carries an advertisement concerning the rally which states in part the following:

"Observing twenty-five years of diplomatic relations...and the 41st anniversary of the Soviet Union. Rally for Peace and Friendship." ESLANDA ROBESON is advertised as the featured speaker and the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship (NCASF) is listed as the sponsoring organization.

A characterization of the NCASF is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

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[REDACTED] a speech to be presented by ESLANDA ROBESON on Sunday, November 23, 1958, at 150 West 85th Street, New

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York City. ESLANDA ROBESON is identified [REDACTED] as the co-Chairman of the Committee of Women of the NCASF and a member of the Board of Directors of the NCASF. b7D

Concerning the above-mentioned function, the informant advised [REDACTED] it had been held as scheduled and that approximately seventy persons had been in attendance. Mrs. ROBESON reportedly spoke for approximately one hour concerning her recent trip to the Soviet Union. She stated that the reception given her and her husband in the Soviet Union had been "terrific" and that in addition to a heavy police guard, the Army had to be mobilized to protect her and her husband. She stated that 60,000 persons were inside the Sports Palace in Moscow when her husband sang there and that 60,000 more were standing outside. She is quoted as saying "there are rumors that Paul will take up residence abroad. Paul's home will always be where his family is, in the United States, even if he takes up temporary residence somewhere else. Paul Robeson is making two movie pictures in the Soviet Union, one will be his own life story and the other one a travel picture. Paul will return to the Soviet Union in December."

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship:

1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)
3. Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)
4. Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States.
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of February 7, 1956.)"

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NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS

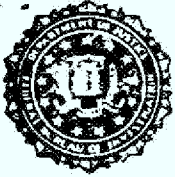
The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning New Century Publishers:

"New Century Publishers

- "1. 'An official Communist Party publishing house, which has published the works of William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis, Communist Party chairman and executive secretary, respectively, as well as the theoretical magazine of the party known as Political Affairs and the Constitution of the Communist Party, U. S. A.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, pp. 7 and 34.)"

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

March 12, 1959

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
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All informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past, except [redacted] who was in a position to furnish reliable information and [redacted] contact with whom has been insufficient to judge reliability. b7c b7D

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Date: April 2, 1959
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From: Legat, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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An article appeared in the newspaper "France Soir", Paris, on 3/11/59 indicating that PAUL ROBESON had passed through Le Bourget Airport, Paris, en route from Moscow to London, at which time he was interviewed by a reporter. He indicated that he had spent two months in Moscow, where he had given several concerts and had participated in the World Peace Council. He indicated that he had also assisted in the production of a motion picture in Moscow concerned with his trips to Moscow, in which he sings several songs and which will be ready for release in Russia soon. He stated that he was returning to London, where he will perform starting April 7 at the National English Theatre. He stated that he hoped he would be free to give recitals in Paris during this theatrical season.

[REDACTED] (C) has been alerted to furnish this office any pertinent information which comes to their attention. b1

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Date: May 26, 1959
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris letter 4/2/59.

Pertinent information has been furnished to [redacted] requesting that this office be advised in the event any pertinent information is received by them regarding subject's activities. It is to be noted that the subject has indicated he intends to give recitals in Paris, but the exact time of his contemplated visit to Paris is unknown. b1

In the event the London office receives any further information as to subject's itinerary, it would be appreciated if this office could be advised.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: May 26, 1959

FROM : *cub* Legat, London (100-1182)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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According to the London "Daily Worker," ROBESON attended an African Freedom meeting held April 19, 1959, at the St. Pancras Town Hall, London, where he spoke and sang. The Daily Worker for April 23, 1959, carried an article indicating ROBESON would attend the forthcoming Seventh World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria. The Daily Worker for May 11, 1959, stated that ROBESON had been elected president of the British-Soviet Friendship Society.

An article appeared in the Birmingham (England) Post of March 17, 1959, indicating that ROBESON would start his role of Othello at Stratford-upon-Avon on April 7, 1959, and that the anticipated length of the run of this Shakespeare play would be 34 weeks. This would indicate that ROBESON presumably will remain in the United Kingdom until the end of 1959.

This matter will be kept in pending status to follow the activities of ROBESON and the Bureau will be advised.

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Date: June 8, 1959
To: Office of Security
Department of State
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning Robeson.

According to an article which appeared in the April 23, 1959, issue of the London "Daily Worker," it was indicated that Robeson planned to attend the Seventh World Youth Festival to be held in Vienna, Austria.

The above is for your information. In the event information concerning Robeson's activities at the above festival comes to your attention it would be appreciated if you would furnish such information to this Bureau.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is the noted Negro concert singer who has long been outspoken in his praise of the Soviet Union. Since mid 1958 he has been traveling in Europe and Russia. State, CIA and European Legal Attaches previously alerted to subject's foreign travel and in possession of pertinent information.

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DATE: June 29, 1959

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : *amb* Legat, London (100-1182; 100-1666)

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There is enclosed for the Bureau a newspaper clipping which appeared in l'Humanite, the French Communist Party newspaper on 8/11/59, regarding PAUL ROBESON.

This clipping indicates that PAUL ROBESON will appear at the festival of l'Humanite at Meudon in the near future. The clipping indicates that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, has not visited France in 10 years. It stated that his acceptance of their invitation to appear at this festival indicates his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

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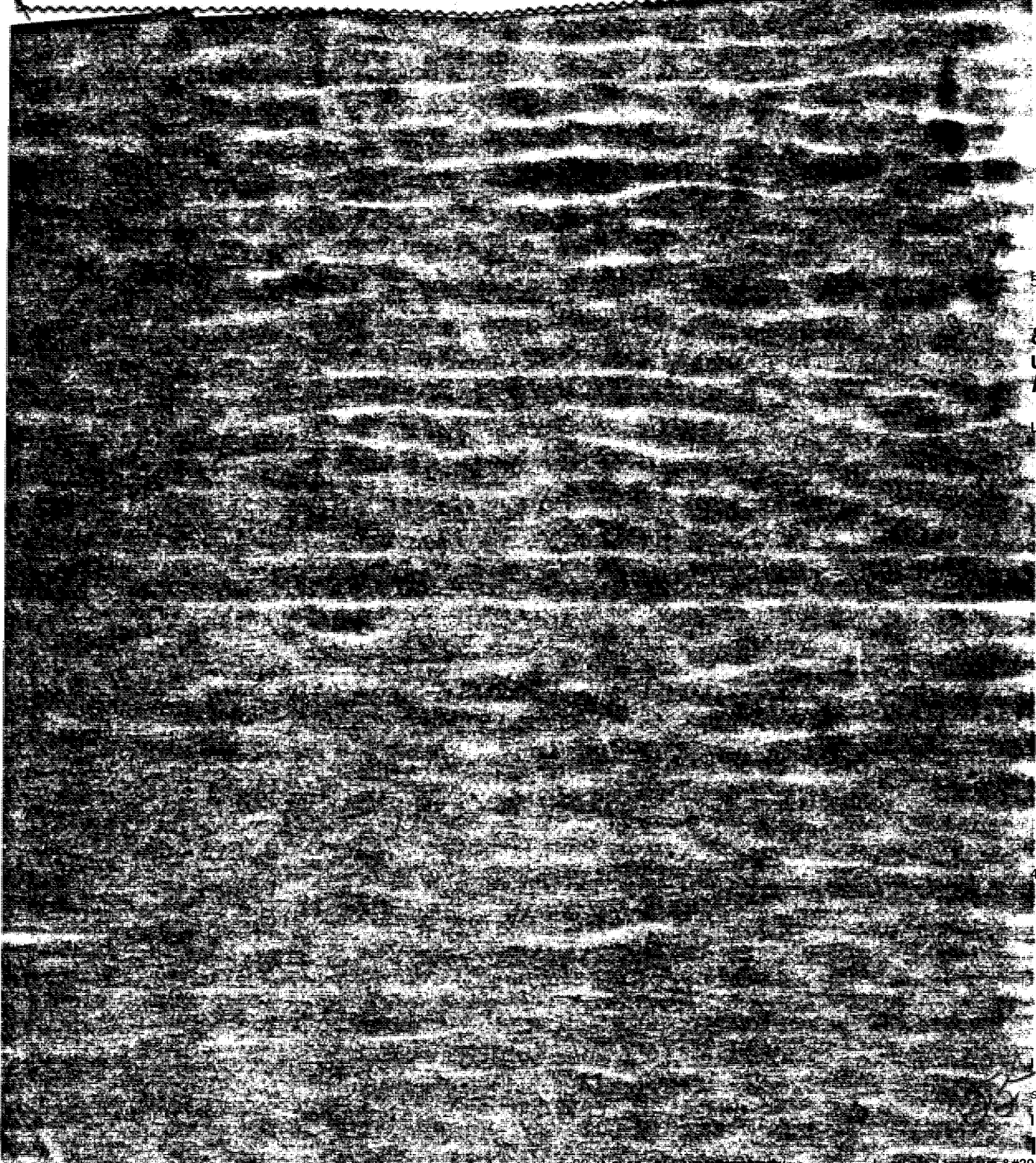
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RA A LA FÊTE DE MEUDON



Paul Robeson sera des nôtres sur les terrasses de Meudon, à la Fête de l'Humanité.

Sa venue est un événement à plus d'un titre. Parce que Paul Robeson est l'un des plus grands chanteurs vivants, parce que son voyage à Paris sera le premier qu'il accomplira en France depuis dix ans. Parce que Paul Robeson, en prêtant son concours à notre fête, témoignera une fois de plus de son attachement à la cause de la paix et de la justice qu'il ne cesse de défendre depuis des dizaines d'années comme chanteur et comme citoyen.

En accueillant Paul Robeson à Meudon, nous serons nombreux à évoquer son extraordinaire apparition à la tribune du premier Congrès Mondial de la Paix, salle Pleyel. Comment oublier en effet cette journée d'avril 1949, où, face à une salle

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It is noted that the information reported by Legat, London on 5/26/59, concerning a statement appearing in the London "Daily Worker" for May 11, 1959, reflects that ROBESON was elected President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society. Further, an article appearing in the "New York Times" of May 11, 1959, reflects ROBESON was elected Vice-President of the organization.

This information has been reported as above and the NYO is in possession of no other information bearing on the office actually held by ROBESON in the British-Soviet Friendship Society.

Concerning information furnished by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] reflecting the sale of ROBESON's book [REDACTED] being promoted by the CP organization in Dorchester, Mass., the informant furnished the information on the basis of a meeting of a CP Industrial Group held at [REDACTED] in Dorchester, Mass., on [REDACTED] who was present at the meeting, was in possession of copies of the book which he stated could be purchased for \$.25 each and resold at \$.50 each with the profit going to the "local CP chapter."

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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with National leaders of the CP, USA. He has publically praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959.

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ROBESON and wife currently residing in United Kingdom where he is appearing in stage production of "Othello." Appeared at 7th World Youth Festival, Vienna, Austria; elected to office in British-Soviet Friendship Society; and is current subscriber to "The Worker." Information concerning promotion of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand," by the CP set forth. Film based on ROBESON's life reportedly being completed in S.U. Information concerning activities while abroad set forth.

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Concerning his affiliation with the production with "Othello", an article appearing in the "Birmingham (England) Post" of March 17, 1959, stated it was anticipated that the production would open on April 7, 1959, and run for 34 weeks.

B. Health

An article appearing in the "New York Times", issue of February 22, 1959, bearing the dateline Moscow, February 21, stated that PAUL ROBESON had made a public appearance in Moscow that day for the first time since he was a patient in the Kremlin Hospital.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of March 10, 1959, bearing the dateline London, March 9, stated that ROBESON had arrived in London that day from Moscow "feeling perfectly fit and well." The article stated he had suffered from influenza and had been hospitalized in Russia.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

On [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a cultural program being prepared by the United States Festival Committee to be presented at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This information reflected that ROBESON was scheduled to appear with a chorus singing ballads. b7D

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The "New York Times" issue of August 4, 1959, on page 5, carried an article entitled, "ROBESON Sees Rise of Fascism in the United States." This article, with a date-line Vienna, August 3, read as follows:

"Paul Robeson, the American Negro singer, charged today that United States foreign policy was being infiltrated by 'fascism.'

Mr. Robeson delivered a general attack on his country's foreign policy in a speech before the Communist-run World Youth Festival, but he said Vice President Richard M. Nixon's East European tour might prove helpful.

Mr. Nixon's trip to the Soviet Union and Poland will demonstrate to the Vice President that the people who live in those countries really want peace, said Mr. Robeson, a longtime supporter of Communist-front causes.

Delegates to the festival who tried to question or criticize Mr. Robeson's statements were shouted down or ruled out of order by the Communists, who control the program.

Mr. Robeson said the American people cannot 'talk of giving full freedom and democracy to Africa when 18,000,000 of us do not have full freedom in the United States.'

It is noted that the Seventh World Youth Festival was held in Vienna, Austria, from July 26 to August 4, 1959.


The United States Festival Committee sent delegates to this festival. A characterization of the United States Festival Committee appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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The London "Daily Worker" issue of May 11, 1959, stated that PAUL ROBESON had been elected President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society.

The "New York Times" issue of May 11, 1959, page 5, carried an article with a dateline London, May 10, stating that PAUL ROBESON had been elected a Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society at a conference of that organization held that day.


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A characterization of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

III. PROMOTION OF THE SALE OF ROBESON'S BOOK BY
THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(CP, USA)

The Communist Party of the United States of America has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" issue of December 21, 1958, page 9, column 2, under a column entitled, "Letters", published a letter to the Editor of "The Worker" signed "JAMES DOLSEN". The letter, reportedly written from Philadelphia, commences by stating, "I have sold over 300 copies of PAUL ROBESON's 'Here I Stand'. My experiences may be of value to others."

The writer goes on to describe the various canvassing methods he has used to sell the book, and urges the readers to utilize certain of his methods. These methods include house-to-house canvassing, the visiting of barber shops, and promoting the book at certain conventions of Negro organizations.

On September 15, 1958,  reported that JAMES DOLSEN was the District Press Director, Communist Party of b7I

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Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and Correspondent of "The Worker."

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[redacted] furnished information on [redacted] a letter from ROBERT THOMPSON, addressed "To All Districts". According to the informant, this letter stated that prepaid orders for 500 or more copies of the \$1.00 edition of PAUL ROBESON's book "Here I Stand", would be available at \$.25 a copy.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that EMANUEL BLUM is State Chairman of the Indiana Communist Party. b7D

"The Worker" issue of July 13, 1958, listed ROBERT THOMPSON as a member of the Communist Party National Executive Committee and Executive Secretary, CP, USA.

On [redacted] furnished information reflecting that at a recent CP meeting held in Dorchester, Massachusetts, copies of ROBESON's book were distributed for the purpose of raising funds for the local CP organization.

[redacted] reported on [redacted] he had learned that copies of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand", had been sold to comrades attending a meeting of the North Shore Section, CP, USA, held in Beverly, Massachusetts, on March 23, 1959.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES ABROAD

"The Worker" issue of January 18, 1959, page 6, column 1, carries the following article:

"Robeson's Success Abroad Brings Bids From U.S. Managers

PAUL ROBESON's phenomenal success in England and other countries has brought him bids from several U.S. managers, according

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to Paul Novick, editor-in-chief of the Morning Freiheit who interviewed Robeson in Moscow last week.

Robeson has become one of the top concert and stage artists in England, where he is scheduled to give ten television concerts at one thousand pounds per concert.

The Negro artist hopes to appear on Broadway; at present his central interest is in performing Othello, according to Novick, whose dispatch appeared in Thursday's issue of the Freiheit.

Novick reported that Robeson sent 'warm greetings' to all those friends in the U. S. who had made the breakthrough for his flourishing artistic career.

ROBESON 'spoke lovingly' Novick reports, of the Negro masses of the San Francisco area whose efforts resulted in his concert there last February. He recalled also the assistance of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, headed by Harry Bridges, and the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and 'many more' who had fought for his right to be heard.

'I am always ready to come to America at the call of the Negro people,' Robeson said, 'say, if I were invited by the Baptist Churches or by the NAACP.'

He emphasized that he remains a 'political artist' fighting for peace. Robeson's Moscow concert last Monday, said Novick, was 'heartwarming testimony' of Robeson's intent.

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THE CONCERT was the 'triumph of a true people's artist, a fighter for peace, for friendship between the USA and the USSR, for the liberation of the Negro people, for the equality of all races and nationalities,' Novick wrote.

The program consisted mostly of Negro songs and spirituals, 'movingly rendered in the wonderful Robesonian voice.' It also contained Soviet, Chinese and Yiddish songs. The standing-room-only house joined him at the conclusion of the concert, and after prolonged applause, in singing Shiroka Strana Moya Rodnaya.

Robeson expressed to Novick his elation at the chance to visit Moscow during the launching of the artificial planet. He stressed the role that the history of the Soviet Union has played in the upsurge of the peoples of Asia and Africa, and expressed delight that his present concert series in the Soviet Union will be followed by a trip to India.

He told Novick he regretted his inability to visit additional Soviet cities or other socialist countries, because of his heavy schedule in England where he will appear as Othello in a production by the Stratford-on-Avon Shakespeare company."

It is noted that a photograph of ROBESON and his wife in the company of Premier KHRUSHCHEV accompanies this article.

The "Daily Worker" of December 9, 1948, editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish language Communist newspaper.

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newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

The "New York Times" issue of February 4, 1959, carries an article stating that "Soviet film-makers have nearly completed a movie on the life of PAUL ROBESON, showing the American singer as an 'unbending peace champion'".

The "New York Times" issue of March 3, 1959, on page 38, carries the following article:

**"Robeson Sings in Moscow
MOSCOW, March 2 (Reuters)**

Paul Robeson made a surprise appearance in a Moscow hall tonight when he sang songs in Yiddish, Russian and English. He was singing in Moscow's Trade Union Hall of Columns at a concert in honor of the centenary of the birth of the Yiddish writer, Sholem Aleichem. Mr. Robeson appeared to be fully recovered from the bronchitis from which he was suffering last month."

"The Worker" issue of April 19, 1959, page 16, column 4, carries the following article:

**"Robeson in 'Othello' at Stratford Acclaimed
by Audience and Critics**

LONDON. - Paul Robeson marked another and perhaps the most important milestone of his long artistic career when he opened the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre's 100th season Tuesday night at Stratford-on-Avon with a performance of the title role in 'Othello' that was acclaimed by audience and critics alike.

There was thunderous applause mingled with cheers as the final curtain fell.

Next day it was the turn of the London

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press to applaud.

'Paul Robeson a Powerful Othello' was the 'Daily Telegraph's' headline.

The 'Daily Herald': 'Paul Robeson Best "Othello" I've Seen.'

The 'Star': 'Robeson Bewitches as Othello.'

And the European edition of the 'Herald Tribune': 'Robeson Hailed in Stratford Othello.'

The Associated Press story in the last-mentioned paper spoke of Robeson's performance as 'amazing.'

The 'News Chronicle' reviewer called it 'superb.'

The 'Daily Herald' critic said it was 'the perfection of romantic acting.'

And the 'Daily Mirror', applauding the 'powerful acting of the Colossal Bronze,' expressed the general feeling: 'Thank goodness for Paul Robeson.'

Though 'Othello' has been given before in the Shakespeare Memorial Theater's repertoire, Robeson was the first Negro to portray the role. The critics spoke of the great dignity he brought to it. Said one, 'He was like all kinds of things - Milton's Satan, who witnessed huge affliction and dismay; like Meredith's Lucifer, in starlight dwarfing all around him; and most of all he was like Shakespeare's ideal Othello.'

Another critic wrote that Robeson

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'poured more music into Shakespeare's poetry than this critic has ever heard. His voice - that deeply resonant voice - rang through the theatre. Every word could be heard, and every word touched the heart.'

Those who compared this production of 'Othello' with the one in which Robeson appeared in 1930 at the Savoy in London felt he had lost nothing and gained much in the long interval. This writer has yet seen no comparison made with the New York production which ran for 296 performances at the Shubert Theatre in 1943 but he can say, having seen both, that in this instance, too, nothing has been lost but much has been gained.

While unanimous in their praise of Robeson, the critics were in some instances not so kind in their comments on the staging of the play or the roles portrayed by Sam Wanamaker as Iago and Miss Mary Ure as Desdemona. The London Times critic felt that Robeson was 'sadly handicapped by an over-clever production' and by the mis-casting of the two characters mentioned. The consensus, however, was that Robeson's stellar performance sufficed, despite any other shortcomings, to make this production a memorable and historic event in the history of the Shakespeare theatre.

Interviewed in his dressing room after the opening night performance, just two days before his sixty-first birthday, Robeson told the reporter of the London Daily Mirror, 'I am overwhelmed by the reception I have been given tonight. It is the greatest moment of my life.'

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship:

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(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)
3. Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)
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U.S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U.S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April 1959, that the U.S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

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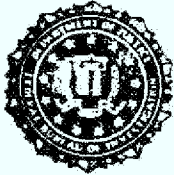
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Re Paris letter 8/13/59.

As the Bureau was advised in relet, PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear as the star performer at a Communist Festival sponsored by the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" on 9/5/59 at Meudon, a suburb of Paris. Considerable publicity has appeared in "L'Humanite" on almost a daily basis, and clippings were forwarded to the Bureau by routing slip 8/31/59.

Enclosed herewith is a page from "L'Humanite" of 9/4/59, which sets out the background of ROBESON. Also enclosed is a page from "L'Humanite" of 9/5/59 captioned "A tout a l'heure, PAUL ROBESON" ("See you soon, PAUL ROBESON"). This article describes meeting ROBESON at Orly Airport, Paris, on 9/4/59. ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France, were present, among others at the airport, to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article, in part, concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. On concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American, and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common.

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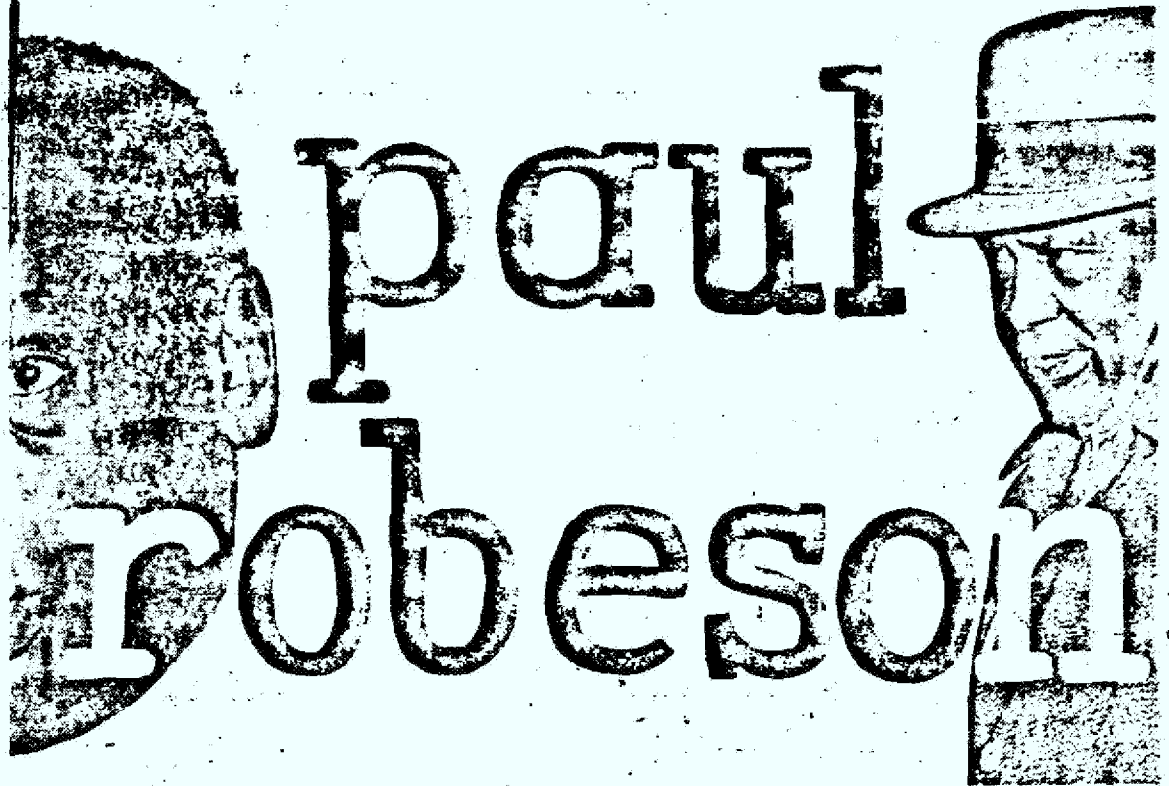
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dant douze années, Paul Robeson étudia profondément la culture africaine, celle de ses ancêtres. En même temps, il rencontra et fréquenta des étudiants, des matelots, des dockers. Il découvrit alors les profondes racines de la culture noire, les richesses d'une civilisation. Peu à peu, l'homme en lui prend conscience des conditions déplorables où vit son peuple. Sa vie se modèle aux exigences que cette conscience lui crée. Plus que jamais, en Paul Robeson, l'homme

connaissances les plus diverses, tandis qu'en même temps leur culture ancienne se trouvait renouvelée et enrichie. Tout ce que je puis dire, c'est que j'ai trouvé quand j'étais là-bas ce que j'avais espéré pendant toute ma vie. Là-bas, je marchais avec dignité.

1936, autre étape

Au retour de son voyage en U.R.S.S., Paul Robeson décide d'envoyer son fils Paul poursuivre ses études en Union Soviétique. On ne le lui pardonnera pas et, longtemps après, on lui en tient encore grief.

« C'est, dit Robeson, pour fêter à mon fils tous les fracas et tous les malheurs du racisme que je prenais cette décision. Il en avait déjà trop souffert en Amérique, au Canada et même en Angleterre. Sachant que le monde socialiste avait aboli le racisme, je savais qu'il aurait enfin une vie normale... »

En 1936, la guerre civile éclate en Espagne. Paul Robeson s'y rend et connaît les combattants des brigades internationales. Le spectacle de la lutte dont il est le témoin le détermine à regagner l'Amérique pour y tenir sa place dans le combat pour la paix. De toutes ses forces, il aide les républicains espagnols, les Autrichiens victimes, un peu plus tard, du nazisme, les Ethiopiens sous la botte fasciste. De toutes parts, en Amérique, si les progressistes reconnaissent en lui un grand homme, les « ultras », racistes, agitateurs du fameux Ku Klux Klan, de l'American Legion, déclament leurs campagnes. Du monde entier, des millions de gens l'applaudissent. Grand chanteur, magnifique comédien, homme au sens plein du terme, Paul Robeson était, il y a vingt ans, ce qu'il est aujourd'hui. Il allait lui en coûter cher.

Son incessant combat pour la justice, la paix et la liberté ne l'avait jamais empêché de poursuivre une étonnante carrière artistique. Réputé comme l'un des plus belles voix du monde, il est aussi considéré comme le plus superbe Othello qui ait jamais existé. Les dramaturges dérivent pour lui, il chante partout où il sait qu'il peut être également utile. Tout cela pendant les années de la guerre. En 1945, les Alliés anéantissent les armées nazies. C'est la victoire... mais...

Mais bientôt, en Amérique, de violentes campagnes racistes

libre citoyen, Paul Robeson, sans passeport, vit dans les limites des Etats américains.

Et la fidélité

« Pourquoi n'êtes-vous pas resté en Russie ? », lui demande-t-on à la Commission des activités antiaméricaines.

— Parce que, répond-il, mon père était esclave et que mes ancêtres sont morts en construisant ce pays. Je reste ici parce que c'est mon droit, au même titre que vous, et nulle pression de caractère fasciste ne pourra me faire partir d'ici. Est-ce clair ? Lorsque, enfin, après plus de

huit ans passés sans quitter le sol américain, le grand chanteur obtint à nouveau un passeport, il déclara que rien ne le ferait changer d'opinion, et il sut alors reprendre les termes d'une déclaration plus ancienne qu'il prononçait il y a cinq ans : « On affirme que Paul Robeson échange d'opinions. Bien. Les menteurs continueront à mentir, mais j'affirme que tout ce qui donne leur sens à ma vie et à mon travail, c'est la fidélité à mes convictions. »

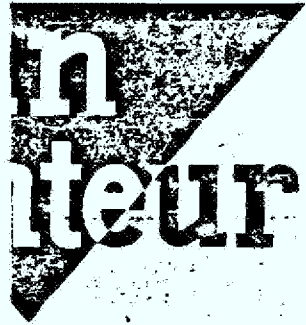
Tel est l'homme que vous allez entendre. Robeson... cela sonne fier, n'est-ce pas ?

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et l'artiste se confondent et progressent. Les années passent. Admirable Othello, chanteur illustre, partout reconnu, il part en 1934 pour un premier voyage en Union Soviétique.

L'expérience de l'U.R.S.S.

« Je vis là-bas comment les Yakoutes, les Ouzbèques et d'autres nations autrefois opprimées passaient de la vie en tribus à une société moderne et industrielle, de l'analphabétisme aux



PAUL ROBESON est à Paris. Vous l'entendrez demain à la fête de « l'Humanité ». Il y a dix ans que l'illustre chanteur n'est pas venu dans notre pays. Souvenez-vous, la dernière fois, c'était en avril 1949.

Le premier Congrès mondial des Partisans de la Paix tenait alors ses assises à la salle Pleyel, l'un des hauts-lieux de la musique. Ce jour-là, Paul Robeson, follement acclamé, montait à la tribune pour y lire un message « au nom de ses frères noirs et de l'Amérique progressiste, au nom des peuples noirs des pays coloniaux... ». A brûle-pourpoint, au milieu de son exposé, l'orateur déclarait : « Et voici maintenant ce que vous attendez aussi de moi, voici les quatre généraux », une chanson populaire espagnole. Un tonnerre d'applaudissements éclatait à la dernière note. Paul Robeson chantait encore : une complainte, une romance, une chanson, comme s'il avait voulu, devant cette assemblée et dans ce lieu, prouver que la musique, son art, ne pouvaient demeurer étrangers à ses préoccupations d'homme, de tribun, d'avocat.

« Et la vie sera belle, car nous la ferons belle », s'écria-t-il avant de quitter le Congrès.

Dix années ont passé, dix années difficiles pour Paul Robeson qui fut bientôt déféré devant la commission des « activités antiaméricaines » et privé de son passeport par une mesure du Département d'Etat. Dix années ont passé sans que jamais, en aucune circonstance, Paul Robeson n'abdiquât devant ses adversaires et renie ses opinions. Tout au contraire, durant cette longue période de sédentaire — et la vie sédentaire équivaut pour l'artiste à l'exil — Paul Robeson continua ce qu'il pense depuis toujours être sa mission, la lutte pour la liberté, pour la justice, pour l'égalité et pour que tous ses frères de race obtiennent enfin le droit à une vie décente. Dix années ou presque car, en juillet 1958, après d'interminables procédures soutenues par lui avec un courage exemplaire et une volonté indéfectible, aidé par tous ceux qui dans le monde entier le respectent et l'admirent, Paul Robeson obtenait enfin un passeport. Aussitôt après, il se rendait à Londres puis reprenait le cours de ses voyages et de ses tournées. Paul Robeson est à Paris, vous l'entendrez demain.

Un esclave : son père

Il était donc une fois un jeune Noir américain, esclave dans une plantation de Caroline du Nord. Il avait à peine quinze ans,

c'était en 1860. Il s'évada et gagna le nord des Etats-Unis d'Amérique où l'opinion publique était nettement antiesclavagiste.

Le jeune Robeson parvint à se

faire inscrire à l'Université Lincoln, étudia longtemps et fut nommé en 1878 pasteur d'une église presbytérienne de Princeton, dans le New Jersey. Il vivait là avec sa femme, une institutrice, Maria-Louisa Bustill, dont l'arrière-grand-père, Cyrus Bustill, avait été le « boulanger noir » de Washington. Le couple eut cinq enfants : Paul, le dernier né, vint au monde le 8 avril 1898. Quelques années plus tard, en 1904, Maria-Louisa mourut, et le petit Paul Robeson resta seul au côté de son père.

Les premières chansons...

Jamais, aime souvent répéter Paul Robeson, « je n'oublierai ce temps de mon enfance. Jamais je n'oublierai comment j'ai entendu chanter mon peuple à la lueur d'un poêle et devant les porches, dans la douceur du parfum des lilas, dans les premiers et sur les bancs le dimanche matin ; jamais je n'oublierai ces chants entendus dans les sermons mêmes de mon père ».

L'ecclésiaste Robeson, durant ces années, remportait de nombreux succès scolaires et, les jours de congé, il brillait sur les scènes, taillé en athlète.

Doté d'une solide instruction classique où le grec et le latin avaient grande part, Paul recevait également une formation d'orateur public. Ce qui ne l'empêchait pas, bien au contraire, d'être alors membre du club musical et du club d'art dramatique de sa ville natale.

— Et les premiers pas

C'est au cours de l'un des spectacles donnés par les élèves de son école que Paul Robeson devint paraitre pour la première fois en public dans le rôle d'Othello, de Shakespeare. Rien n'a pu faire, ni le temps ni l'expérience pour que ce souvenir s'efface de sa mémoire. Lorsqu'il en parle aujourd'hui, on a, en l'écoutant, l'impression de revivre l'angoisse qui l'assailait alors : « Nerveux et terrifié, je me débattais avec le texte, prenant garde à ne pas froisser l'oreille exercée de mon père et l'enseignement patient de mes maîtres ; personne au monde n'aurait pu ce temps-là me convaincre de jouer à nouveau sur une scène... ».

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L'éveil d'une conscience

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spirituels sont bien connus. M. Robeson a le don d'en ressortir chaque ligne, et non pas en les accentuant artificiellement, mais grâce à toute puissante conviction ; chantés par un tel me, ils expriment les souffres et les espoirs d'un peuple. La voie était tracée, il pouvait plus désormais imiter Paul Robeson ; il avait sept ans.

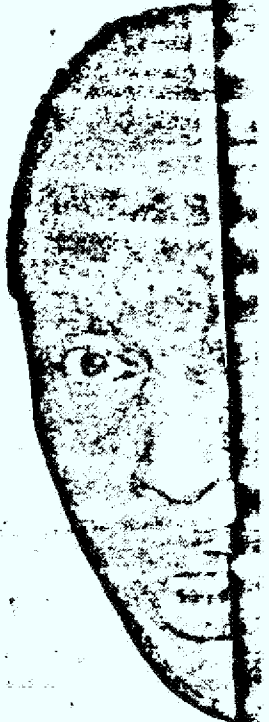
Cette voie, c'est Le Brown qui la lui avait

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C'est lui, dit le grand artiste, qui clarifia ce que mon père m'avait fait deviner, à un sens profond des simples les chansons de mon enfance tendues au sein de notre communauté. C'est lui qui connaît la grandiose poésie cantiques, des chants de et des « blues » des plants

Il découvre un monde. Installé en 1927 à Londres, il fait son port d'attache

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C E joueur de rugby triomphait sur les stades à l'âge de 20 ans, mais, dès qu'il quittait la pelouse, il devenait l'un des meilleurs élèves de son Université.

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Docteur en droit, tribun, rien n'a jamais pu empêcher Paul Robeson de se joindre aux Partisans de la Paix, comme il le fit salle Pleyel il y a dix ans, où, à la tribune, il côtoyait Aragon et le professeur Bernal.

C'est en 1934 que le grand chanteur se rendit pour la première fois en Union Soviétique. Il y retourna il y a peu de temps encore : « Là, dit-il, chaque homme marche dignement. Chaque homme et chaque enfant. »

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À l'Université, Paul est un remarquable étudiant, mais aussi un sportif des plus doués et on le considère alors comme l'un des meilleurs joueurs de rugby de sa génération. Combinant toutes ses activités, il poursuit ses études et pour les achever s'inscrit à l'Université de Columbia, où il est bientôt docteur en droit. Mais le diplôme est une chose. Il lui fallait encore obtenir la possibilité d'exercer son nouveau métier. La ségrégation ne lâchait pas prise. Le barreau lui devenait inaccessible ! Alors Paul Robeson parvient à un moment décisif de sa vie. Il débute au théâtre, oubliant son anglophone d'autrefois, dans une troupe d'amateurs. Et, du jour au lendemain, tout change.

C'est le dramaturge américain Eugene O'Neill qui le remarque le premier et ne tarde pas à lui confier le principal rôle de sa pièce : *Empereur Jones*. Quand Paul Robeson entra en scène, il ignorait sans doute que, du jour au lendemain, ou presque, il allait devenir l'un des plus grands chanteurs de notre temps.

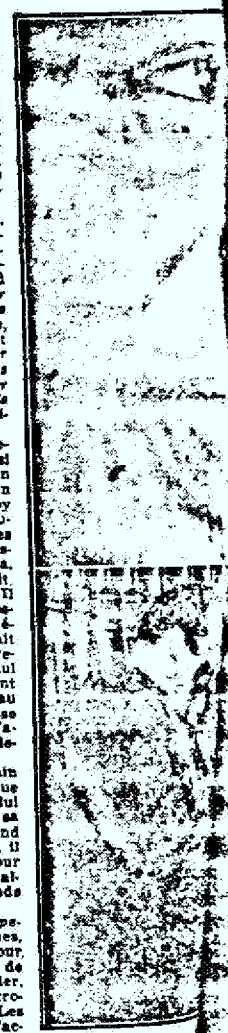
L'action dramatique d'Empereur Jones exigeait que Jones, perdu dans la jungle, siffle pour se donner du courage. Fils de court et ne sachant pas siffler, Paul Robeson chanta un negro-spiritual. Ce fut un triomphe. Les représentations terminées, l'acteur part en tournée, visite l'Angleterre et l'Ecosse, devient vite célèbre.

Premier récital au rythme du chant noir

Le 19 avril 1925, un chanteur noir américain consacrait pour la première fois dans l'histoire de la musique tout un récital public à la musique noire. Paul Robeson, accompagné au piano par le musicien noir Lawrence Brown, paraissait au Greenwich Village Theatre de New York.

Le lendemain, unanime, les critiques le reconnaissaient comme le meilleur baryton d'Amérique. L'un d'eux, rédacteur au New York Times, écrivait : « Les

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P AUL ROBESON que le refrain a fait Grand vers passionné des musiques d'avant et même de même de Moscou, maître Sre...

samedi 8 heures Meudon samedi

Chanteur



... le monde entier, est pres-
Old Man River », sa première
de trente ans qu'il l'a créée
nette « Show Boat ». Depuis,
le monde...
Robeson est un chercheur
musical. Et, s'il se consa-
croire folklorique, toutes les
en point de vue de chercheur
est ce qui lui valut d'être
« oratoire » du Conservatoire
son diplôme des mains du

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les Noirs, les syndicalistes, les
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victimes. Paul Robeson est tout
désigné pour l'être lui aussi. Ce-
pendant, il ne plie jamais. En
1946, il obtient une entrevue du
président Truman. Il plaide pour
ses frères, demande des poursuites
contre les racistes de tout
poil qui agressent les Noirs amé-
ricains, sûrs de demeurer impu-
nis.

M. Truman lui répond seule-
ment :
« Vous parlez, monsieur, le lan-
gage d'un révolté. »
« Mauvais, mauvais récit »,
dixit Paul Robeson à ses amis qui
l'attendent devant la Maison Blan-
che. Oui, « mauvais récit »,
mais qui va servir de pièce à con-
viction contre le chanteur, comme
servira de pièce accusatrice sa
présence à Paris, au Congrès de
Pleyel en 1949.

La chasse aux sorcières

A partir de cette époque, les
gouvernements américains font tout
pour empêcher le créateur
« d'Old Man River » d'être lui-
même. Il ne cède pas. Il ne cé-
dera jamais, dût sa carrière en
souffrir, comme cela se passa, on
le sait.

Traduit devant des commissions
Inquisitoriales, Paul Robeson con-
serve l'attitude qui est la sienne
depuis l'enfance. Quand il chan-
te malgré tout, en public, comme
en ce 27 août 1949, des milliers
de manifestants fascistes lui bar-
rent la route et attaquent son
public.

Paul Robeson maintient ses
points de vue. Il contre-attaque,
en septembre, il y a tout juste
dix ans aujourd'hui : il paraît
devant vingt mille auditeurs en-
thousiastes, à Peekskill. Et ce-
pendant que quelques centaines
d'agités brûlent des partitions,
s'en prennent aux auditeurs, la
voix d'airain, épousant les ac-
cents de Joe Hill, ou des « Qua-
tre généraux », « d'Old Man Ri-
ver », et d'autres romances, do-
minant la foule, impose le res-
pect et l'admiration, fait acclamer
la vérité.

Malgré les menaces de terreur,
malgré tout, Paul Robeson est
toujours présent à la manière
d'un vivant symbole. Son action
lui vaut l'admiration universelle.
En 1952, il reçoit le Prix « Lé-
nine » International de la Paix.
Mais, à ce moment-là, privé du
plus élémentaire de ses droits de



E TUDIANT et comédien amateur, Paul Robeson
jouait « Othello » quand le dramaturge Eugène
O'Neil le remarqua. Quelque temps après, le
jeune homme paraissait dans ce rôle de « Empereur
Jones » qui lui valut aussitôt son premier triomphe
de... chanteur.
Longtemps après ces débuts, « Empereur Jones »
devenait « John Henry » sur une scène de Broadway.
John Henry, le géant, le forçat du travail... Mais aussi
grand qu'il ait été dans ce rôle, c'est toujours Othello
qui demeure à la fois sa plus grande satisfaction de
tragédien et son plus incontestable succès. Cette année
encore à Stratford on Avon, au théâtre Shakespeare,
il en fit l'étincelante démonstration.

etres Meudon - samedi 18 heures Meudon

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...voir les cellules qui m'ont en-
core rien réglé.
Ordonne du jour épuisé ? Non ?
Comment vendra-t-on les billets
de loterie ? Eh bien ! mais

quatre rangées de billets sont
sans doute un peu plus récen-
tes. Tiens voilà votre stand
(photo n° 4). Mais dis donc, l'es-
t-il est historique : de l'autre

sur la terrasse de l'un des
deux orangers superposés
construit Marnett à l'époque
des splendeurs de Meudon.
Trop occupé à satisfaire les
moindres caprices de la Pompa-
dour, Louis XV abandonna les
magnifiques jardins qui s'éten-
daient là à nos pieds. On ra-
conte que l'homme qui était
chargé d'arroser les orangers
fut oublié en ces lieux pendant
deux ans, durant lesquels il ne
put manger de viande ni boire
de l'excellent vin que l'on récol-
tait cependant sur les coteaux
voisins.
Ces ifs sont sans doute tout



Sachez que

● Au stand de « Neues Deutschland »

Exposition de photos sur la vie en République Démocratique
Allemande, vente de livres allemands, distribution de brochures. On
vendra également des postiches de Thuringe ainsi qu'une spécialité
d'harmonies miniatures à 7 notes... qui peuvent même se porter
en broche. Enfin, pour la première fois en France, on dégustera de
la bière de Radeberg, la meilleure bière de toute l'Allemagne.

● Un disque en hommage à P. Vaillant-Couturier

Il sera mis en vente au stand de la Fédération Seine-Sud Une
face de ce disque est consacrée à un discours de Paul Vaillant-Cou-
turier intitulé « L'Humanité, visage de la France ». L'harmonie sur
Marcel Cachin présente sur la tombe du grand journaliste à été
gravée sur l'autre face. Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier dédicacera ce
disque samedi après-midi.

● Les photo-stoppeurs correspondants de l'Humanité

Vous les verrez samedi et dimanche parcourant la fête en tous
sens. Généralement ils seront deux, parfois davantage. Au revers de
leurs vestes, ils porteront un énorme carré de carton avec des lettres
qui arrent les yeux : « PHOTO-STOP correspondant de l'Humanité ».
Grâce à leur savoir-faire vous pourrez disposer d'un fort joli souvenir
de Meudon, une magnifique photo encore plus grande que leur ma-
saron : 200 francs !
Les correspondants photographes verseront l'intégralité de la
somme qu'ils recueilleront à « l'Humanité ».

● Pas de jardins d'enfants

En raison de la configuration du terrain, il a été matérielle-
ment impossible de prévoir, cette année, l'aménagement de jardins
d'enfants.

Par le train

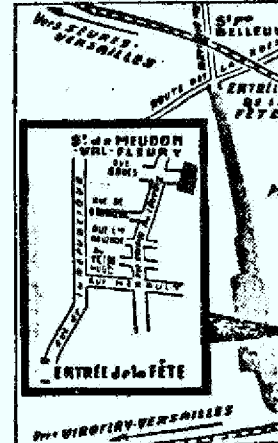
Le moyen sans doute le plus
commode et le plus rap-
pide.

— Au départ de Montpar-
nasse : Descendre à Meudon-
Bellevue. En plus des trains ré-
guliers qui desservent égale-
ment les stations Ouest-Centre-
re Vanves, Malakoff et Cle-
mari, des trains supplémentaires
directs Paris-Montparnasse-Bel-
levue partiront selon les besoins
en fonction de l'affluence.

— Au départ des Invalides :
Descendre à Meudon-Val Fleury.
Sur cette ligne également, en
plus du service régulier, des
trains supplémentaires seront
mis en service selon les besoins.
Ils desserviront les stations
Pont-de-l'Alma, Champ-de-Mars,
Javel, Boulevard-Victor et Val
Fleury.

Afin de faciliter leur retour,
nous conseillons aux partici-
pants à la fête de se procurer
au départ un billet aller-retour.
Le prix de ce billet aller-retour,
soit par Montparnasse, soit par
Invalides, est de 120 francs.

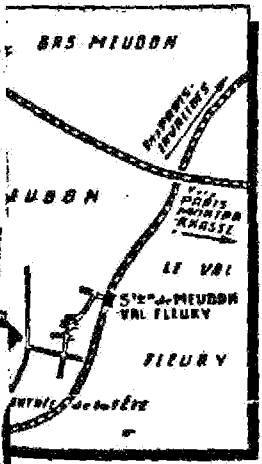
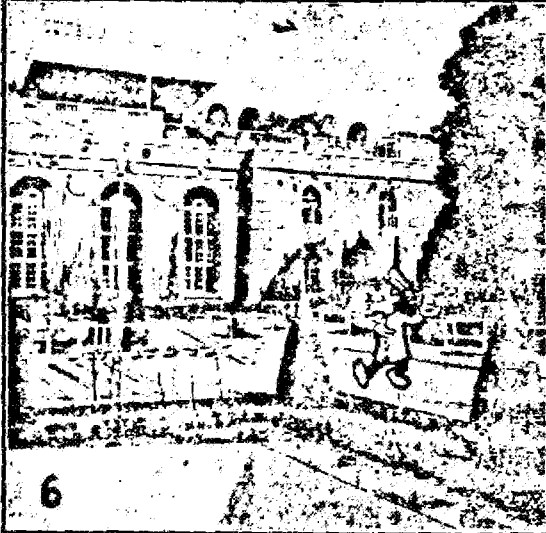
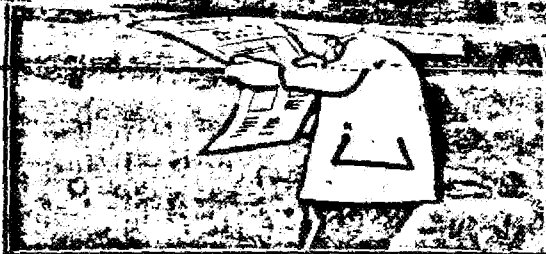
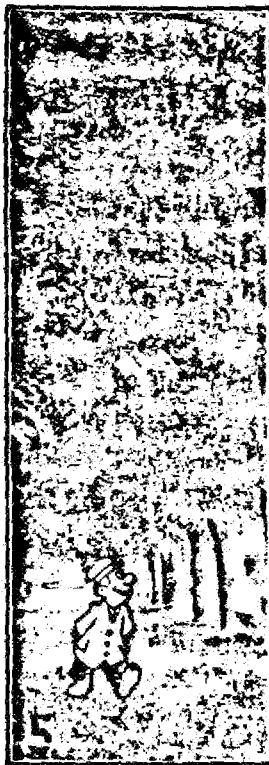
Le service fonctionnera jus-
qu'à 24 heures.



SUR L'ECRAN GE
IMAGES D
Une évocation de la vie
par Jean LODS, auteur
Henri Barbusse et

A côté de la scène centrale, sous d'autres carrés de superlatex, voilà Marcel, la visite est terminée. Je ne t'ai sans doute pas dit. On ne décrit pas la fête de l'humanité comme ça, effectuant un simple aller-retour. Et puis 300 stands... si l'arrêtais un peu pour saluer mes amis.

En me quittant, le conducteur à Lille m'a dit : « Pas d'hésiter, dimanche il faut que je arrange à être du matin ».



INT DE LA FETE
E LAURES
Le grand tribune présentée
réalisateur des films sur
Albert Einstein.

SEINE-ET-OISE :
25.000 HIER SOIR

A l'issue de la première série de rendez-vous organisés cette semaine en Seine-et-Oise, la Fédération totalisait hier soir 25.000 vignettes-bons de soutien. Elle n'est plus qu'à quelques encablures de Seine-Ouen (125.450). Rejoindra-t-elle d'ici samedi ?

SA 319 VIGNETTE

Le camarade Ballanger, de la cellule des N.M.F.P. (Paris-21), vient de placer sa 319 vignette. Un champion. Qui dit mieux ?

200 SUR 300

Aux ateliers R.A.T.P. 27, avenue de la Porte-d'Italie, qui compte 300 ouvriers, 200 vignettes de la fête de l'Humanité ont été vendues, dont 80 en quelques heures. Le record des années précédentes qui était de 120 environ, a été largement battu.

Pensez à la vignette

Ce soir, derniers rendez-vous

BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT : au siège de la section, 45, rue Carnot, à 18 heures avec Roger Bousseau, secrétaire fédéral.

BLICHY : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Jean Morel.

GENNEVILLIERS : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Lantier, membre du Comité Central.

NANTERRE : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Raymond Barbet, maire.

RENAULT : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Karzakh.

SAINT-OUEN : à 18 h. 30, au centre Ampère, avec E. Falon, membre du Bureau Politique.

COLOMBES : à 18 heures, au siège de la section, avec Henri Moreau, conseiller général.

ACHÈRES : 21 heures, salle de la Mairie, avec Dréan du Bureau Fédéral (Achéres, Conflans, Palissy, Pontefay).

VILLENEUVE-ST-GEORGES : 21 heures, 21, rue d'Alambert (Villeneuve-St-Georges, Villeneuve-Saint-Georges, Draveil, Montesson, Brunoy), avec Bière du Comité Fédéral.

VERSAILLES : 21 heures, 5, rue de St-Cloud, avec Chatelet, secrétaire fédéral (Versailles, Neuilly, St-Cloud, Viroflay, Meudon, Châtillon, Garches).

ARPAJON : 21 heures, Mairie de la Norville, avec St-Etienne, du Comité Fédéral (Arpaçon, Limours, Chamarande).

GOUSSAINVILLE : 21 heures, Bd P.-V.-Gautier, avec Michel Vande, du Comité Central (Goussainville, Lagny-sur-Marne).

PALAISEAU : 21 heures, salle de la Mairie, avec P. Chevalier, secrétaire fédéral (Palaiseau, Massy, Grigny).

CORBEIL : 21 heures, Mairie annexée, avec Rodriguez, du Comité Fédéral (Corbeil, Ettennes, Mitry).

GARGES-LES-CONNESSE : 21 heures, à la Mairie, avec Pashon, du Comité Fédéral (Garges-Macconess, Arnouville, Gomet, Sarcelles).

15° CARR CALPETRIERE : à 18 heures, au siège de la section, 75, Bd de la Gare.



QUAND CONDUCT DES LI VISITE LA I



200

poulets cuits, 300 kilos de sucre, 1.200 jus de fruits, 800 bouteilles fera la moitié des bestioles samedi et le reste dimanche matin. C mettre sous enveloppes les 10.000 billets. 10.000 à 30 fr. : 300.000 fr dans les caisses, il faudra en verser le maximum à « l'Huma ». Av tirer quelques numéros supplémentaires du « Départ ».

Marcel, conducteur sur la ligne Porte des Lilas-Levallois, donnait mardi soir, à la réunion du comité de section du métro (photo n° 1), les dernières informations sur l'organisation du stand des gars de la R.A.T.P. C'est la première fois, alors il faut signaler. Maintenant quels sont les copains disponibles vendredi soir, samedi, dimanche et lundi ? Bien sûr, amène la femme. Elle n'est pas du Parti ? Et alors, c'est pas une raison !

dans... dans des boîtes. Pas original, d'accord, mais qu'est-ce que tu proposes ? Des vieilles casquettes de la R.A.T.P. Bravo ! ça c'est l'idée de la soirée. Alors que chacun récupère chez lui les « gasettes » usagées... A la fin de la réunion, j'ai donné rendez-vous à Marcel pour aller visiter Meudon le lendemain matin. Il n'est pas sûr d'être à la Fête dimanche. Ça dépendra du service.

côté de l'avenue, au 27, Richard Wagner a composé le « Valstein fantôme » en 1841.

Retournons sur la Terrasse. Attends ! De part et d'autre de la grille que nous franchissons actuellement (photo n° 8), les fossés ont été creusés sur l'ordre de Louvois qui fut propriétaire de ce domaine. L'Huma a pensé qu'en installant une passerelle par-dessus ce serait plus commode pour circuler.

La Terrasse ? 450 mètres de long, 186 mètres de large, trois allées ombragées, comme celle dans laquelle nous marchons en ce moment (photo n° 5) et six rangées de stands pour la Fête, évidemment. Stop ! Ici, il y a 203 ans, nous n'aurions pas pu aller plus loin car la Terrasse s'arrêtait au bord d'un profond ravin. Un certain marquis de Sablé a dépensé une fortune pour la faire combler.

C'est la vante à la Pompe-dour

Le château ? Il n'existe plus. Bâti en 1804, après 234 ans d'existence et de nombreux changements de propriétaires. Napoléon a récupéré les restes pour son arc de triomphe du Carrousel.

L'emplacement rêvé pour installer le stand de l'Humanité et du Comité Central. Et d'ici, nouveau coup d'œil magnifique. Oui, en bas, c'est encore la Fête. Nous sommes sur la terrasse de l'une des deux orangeries superposées que construisit Mazarin à l'époque des splendeurs de Meudon.

Trop occupé à satisfaire les moindres caprices de la Pompe-dour, Louis XV abandonna les magnifiques jardins qui s'étendaient à ses pieds. On raconte que l'homme qui était chargé d'arroser les orangers fut oublié en ces lieux pendant deux ans, durant lesquels il ne put manger de viande ni boire de l'excellent vin que l'on récoltait cependant sur les coteaux voisins.

Ces ifs sont sans doute tout

Le trouvaill de la soirée

On a encore parlé du bougat qu'il faudra acheter sur place, des bouteilles d'apéro pour la buvette (discussion sur la marque), de la lettre à écrire après la Fête pour remercier les camarades de la section de Saint-Denis « qui nous ont prêté du matériel », du tarif des consommations, de l'éclairage du stand qui était en panne et du tract à distribuer.

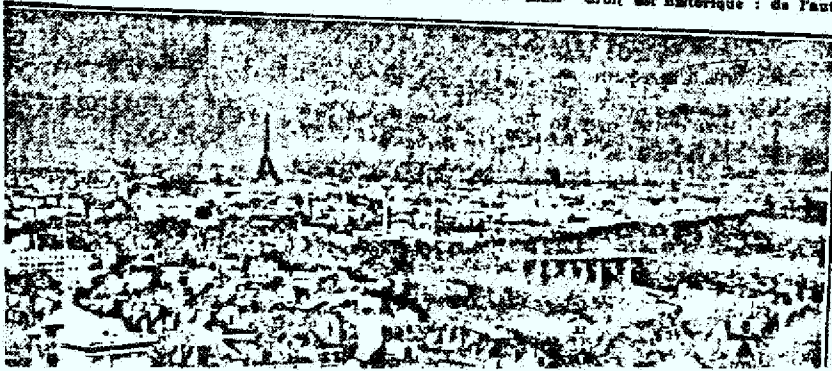
Enfin, il y a la vignette. « Un acte politique », a dit Marcel. Notre objectif était modeste, 800. Il faut le dépasser d'ici samedi. Qui paie des vignettes ce soir ? Marcel a pris un chiffon et une craie puis il s'est mis à modifier des chiffres sur un tableau noir dans la colonne des « payées » (photo n° 2). Au métro, les cellules du Parti portent le nom des têtes de lignes. Faisons le point : « Issy » et Porte des Lilas » sont en tête. Maintenant voici le total : 788. Il faudra aller voir les cellules qui n'ont encore rien réglé.

Ordre du jour épuisé ? Non ? Comment vendra-t-on les billets de loterie ? Eh bien ! mais

Attraction inédite

En traversant Meudon, Marcel, qui pensait sans doute aux rails de sa ligne, s'est exclamé : « Dis donc, ça grimpe par ici... » Il n'avait encore rien vu. Je n'ai pu résister à la tentation. Nous sommes allés directement sur la terrasse d'où l'on a cette vue extraordinaire sur Paris (photo n° 3). Il n'en finissait plus et se livrait au petit jeu qui sera l'attraction inédite de la Fête : identifier les principaux monuments de la capitale. L'altitude ? Ici nous sommes à 153 mètres, mais le bois de Meudon, que tu vois derrière nous, s'élève jusqu'à 170 mètres. Non, la Fête ne va pas dans le bois, juste une petite portion, là-bas, à l'autre bout. Il nous offre le décor, ce n'est déjà pas si mal.

Maintenant, allons faire un tour à votre stand. Avenue du Château, 800 mètres de long. Reliait jadis le château de Meudon au château de Bellevue. Oui, les pavés sont d'époque. Les quatre rangées de tilleuls sont sans doute un peu plus récentes. Tiens voilà votre stand (photo n° 4). Mais dis donc, l'endroit est historique : de l'autre



LE EUR AS ETE...

bière. Une 2 CV transpor-
q camarades s'occupent de
On ne gardera pas l'argent
ce qui restera, on pourra

e qui reste des jardins. On les
taillées pour la Fête de l'Hu-
sa. Tu marches en ce mo-
ment (photo n° 8) sur le plan-
ter du bal, 2.000 mètres carrés.
es gara que tu vois là plan-
ent des clous depuis trois an-
nées.

Puis Marcel est tombé en ar-
rière devant un escalier qui s'en-
lace dans le bois. « Ça me rap-
pele le métro. » En haut, il a
trouvé l'Observatoire (photo
n° 9). Nouveau cours d'histoire :
le bâtiment, c'était jadis le cha-
teau neuf que Louis XIV fit
construire par Mansart — enco-
re lui — pour son fils le Grand
Dauphin. Endommagé par un
incendie en 1870, il fut trans-
formé, une dizaine d'années plus
tard, en observatoire.

Le parterre est resté. On y
installe la Cité internationale.
tous pays qui présenteront
un spectacle sur la scène que
vous là... Eh oui ! dans la
salle. C'est une trouvaille ?

Mieux qu'au « Gaumont »

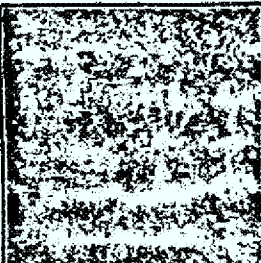
Redescendons par cette allée
travers la forêt. C'est la por-
te dont je te parlais tout à
l'heure. Te voilà maintenant au
dessus de l'écran géant de la
Cité (photo No 8). Alors ? Tu es
là au « Gaumont » ? Oui, une
fois comme tout le monde. Plus
tôt qu'il. Les appareils de
projection sont à cent mètres.
Les nôtres sont là-bas, à 105 mè-
tres. Quant à l'écran, pour un
standard c'est le plus grand
qui ait jamais été réalisé : 19
mètres de large, 16 mètres de
haut.

À côté, la scène centrale. 250
mètres carrés de superficie.
Voilà, Marcel, la visite est ter-
minée. Je ne t'ai sans doute pas
dit. On ne décrit pas la
Cité de l'Humanité comme ça,
effectuant un simple tour-
nour. Et puis 300 stands, si
t'arrêtes un peu pour saluer
amis.

En me quittant, le conducteur
Léon m'a dit : « Pas d'hési-
tation, dimanche il faut que je
range à être du matin ».



...sans quitter le
grand chanteur
ou un passeport
rien ne le ferait
sion et il fut alors
mes d'...



Devoré par les flammes

DANS LA FORÊT DE GENNES (MAINE-ET-LOIRE)

un camion de pompiers se renverse

CINQ BRULÉS VIFS

LE dramatique incendie de forêt de Gennes (Maine-et-Loire), qui a dévoré, jeudi, 800 hectares de bois, a coûté la vie à cinq pompiers venus volontairement combattre le sinistre. Parmi les victimes, figurent deux jeunes gens de 18 ans. L'un d'eux a trouvé la mort au côté de son père.

Les cinq combattants du feu habitaient Beaufort-en-Vallée. Ce n'est que quelques heures après l'incident qu'on découvrit le drame. En fin d'après-midi, devant l'ampleur du désastre, l'ensemble des sapeurs eut à effectuer un mouvement de repli. Quelques heures plus tard, on constatait que le camion-citerne des pompiers de Beaufort-en-Vallée n'était pas rentré. On se mit à sa recherche et le véhicule fut découvert en flammes. Pres de lui gisaient trois corps carbonisés. Deux autres devaient être retrouvés à une soixantaine de mètres de là. Les malheureux furent identifiés grâce à des objets personnels. Il s'agit du lieutenant Amard, coureur de son état, commandant des sapeurs de Beaufort et de son fils, 18 ans, de Louis Courant, de Charpentier, de Gabriel Brousseau, horticulteur, 36 ans et de Christian Rabin, 18 ans.

Une nuit d'épouvante

L'incendie a fait rage toute la nuit. Toutes les pompes, tous les

sapeurs de l'arrondissement de Saumur s'étaient mobilisés pour lui faire face. Une centaine d'hommes aidés par les cadets de l'école de cavalerie luttèrent contre le feu activé par le vent. Enfin, on fit appel aux pompiers d'Angers, de Vihiers, de Brissac, de Beaupréau et de Chemillé. A un certain moment, le château d'Angoulême, près de Louerre, qui appartient à M. Catrice parut menacé. On réussit cependant à le préserver.

C'est avec épouvante qu'on commentait hier, dans la région, la fin héroïque des cinq pompiers de Beaufort-en-Vallée. Le premier, le lieutenant Amard avait rassemblé ses hommes pour les conduire à 15 kilomètres de leur localité sur les lieux de l'incendie. Avec leur moto-pompe remorquée par un camion C.M.C., ils s'étaient postés sur la route départementale 158, en pleine zone dangereuse.

Vers 17 h. 30, un retour de

flammes soudain s'abattit sur eux. Quand le chauffeur voulut reculer, il ne put le faire. Le camion se renversa dans le fossé. Les pompiers sautèrent, mais ne purent s'échapper de l'enfer.

Chacun s'interroge à présent sur le sort de leurs familles, car ces braves gens, partis bénévolement, ont des parents dans le besoin. Les pouvoirs publics les laisseront-ils dans la misère ?

L'enquête semble avoir établi que le sinistre a été provoqué involontairement par un vieux cultivateur, M. Rolland, 85 ans, de Saint-Georges-des-Sept-Voies qui avait allumé, vers midi, des herbes sèches dans son jardin. Le vent emportant des étincelles, et bientôt la forêt environnante fut transformée en mer de feu.

Le sinistre a été circonscrit hier matin.

1.000 hectares de landes et forêts ont été ravagés.

Pour ne pas exposer de nouvelles vies humaines, le colonel Ma-

thieu, commandant des services départementaux, avait donné l'ordre de laisser brûler le centre du foyer.

Les arbres continuent cependant

236.000 pompiers volontaires en France

La France compte 8.000 pompiers professionnels et 236.000 volontaires, comprenant des sapeurs, caporaux, sous-officiers et officiers.

Chaque grade est attribué après l'obtention d'un brevet d'aptitude. Une manœuvre par mois est obligatoire.

Ils sont requis pour lutter contre un sinistre, les volontaires perçoivent 400 francs par heure s'ils sont officiers ou 200 francs s'ils sont simples sapeurs. En cas de blessure, ils perçoivent une faible indemnité : 161.820 francs par an en cas d'incapacité permanente. Ils sont tués, la venue reçoit 97.092 francs par an (taxe ad-

sur une étendue de 3 kilomètres sur 4 à se consumer lentement. La plupart des gendarmes de la région ont été mobilisés afin de prévenir une éventuelle recrudescence de l'incendie.

DE QUOI FAIRE UNE OMELETTE...



David et Stephen Erlson, habitant Sheffield, en Angleterre, possèdent une tortue terrestre, une gentille tortue baptisée « Trudi » qui ne faisait pas de bruit à la maison et qui les mettait en joie avec sa démarche très lente, sa tête doucement et ses petites yeux très expressifs. Elle était choyée à la maison et recevait tous les jours de superbes feuilles de salade, et un bol de lait. Or, quelle ne fut pas la surprise des deux enfants, et de leurs parents, lorsqu'un matin, ils aperçurent cinq œufs pondus par la brave « Trudi ». C'est, paraît-il, un fait extrêmement rare de voir des tortues pondre en captivité... aussi l'événement a été photographié, et maintenant on attend les naissances...

Nombreux SUR

SIX DES VI OU DES MO

Les cyclistes et les mo la route. Parmi eux, ont com

A VALMONT (Moselle), un enfant de neuf ans, Robert Engelmann, fils d'un mineur de Polchviller, a été renversé par une auto. Gravement blessé, l'enfant a été tué.

Près de SAINT-QUENTIN (Aisne), au lieu dit « les Muralles », un cyclomoteur conduit par M. Fernand Marchand, 62 ans, de Tullins, s'est écrasé contre un comble sur le coup. Le sexagénaire a subi un comble sur le coup.

Terrassé par une force de 3 tonnes

Dracula derrière les barreaux



La carrière de Dracula, 17 ans, d'un gang des « Vampires », semble stoppée. Le jeune chef de bande de Manhattan a été arrêté en même temps que deux de ses « hommes ». Le volait, accompagné de son camarade Luis Hernandez, pénétrant dans les locaux de la police de New York. Ils sont l'un et l'autre accusés du meurtre de deux jeunes gens d'un groupe local, tués au cours d'une bataille rangée en pleine rue.

morts et blessés es routes

IMES SONT DES CYCLISTES RISTES RENVERSES PAR DES AUTOS

elles fournissent un large contingent des accidentés de six victimes au cours des dernières vingt-quatre heures.

LIVRON (Drôme). M. Baulibert, 58 ans, a été heurté et tellement blessé par une auto de BAINSEN-GOHELLE (de Calais), un automobiliste polycarpe Nazez, 28 ans, boulevard Nœux-les-Mines, a rendu, en moins de 80 mètres, cyclomotoriste qui roulaient le même sens que lui. L'un, M. Stephan Andankietz, 25, de Hersin-Coupin, a été sur le coup. Un autre, M. Devernier, 28 ans, de Nœux-les-Mines, a été grièvement blessé, la que le troisième, M. Evariste Cour, 67 ans, d'Hersin-Coupin, se tirait à peu près indemne à chute.

Marcou, de Bédiers, a été tué. Le conducteur, M. Jean Courou, a été blessé.
Rue de Pontoise, à BEZONS, une auto conduite par M. Clément Trier, de Paris, a fait une embardée et est allée s'écraser contre un piédon de la R.A.T.P. Le conducteur, sa femme et son fils ont été grièvement blessés et hospitalisés à Argenteuil.

Chef d'un gang de jeunes malfaiteurs

La « Belle Lucienne » et son complice Marcel échappent trois fois à la police en quelques heures

La « belle Lucienne », 26 ans, chef d'une bande de jeunes malfaiteurs du 19^e arrondissement de Paris, qui était recherchée dans la Nièvre avec un complice, Marcel Bertoux, 19 ans, a encore filé, hier matin, entre les mailles de la police après une équipée mouvementée.

Marcel Bertoux et Lucienne Colombo avaient réussi, jeudi soir, à échapper aux gendarmes de la Nièvre où ils s'étaient rendus dans la région de Montausché en franchissant les barreaux dans la 403 noire d'un taxi parisien volée à Nevers.

A bord de la voiture, le couple se dirigeait à toute allure vers la région parisienne et s'arrêta à Saint-Germain-en-Laye après avoir abandonné la 403.

Après avoir passé la nuit à Saint-Germain-en-Laye, les deux jeunes gens dérobaient hier matin à 10 heures une voiture de marque anglaise de couleur bleue et prenaient la route, vraisemblablement vers la direction de la Manche.

A Mantua, ils firent la pleine essence.

Un pneu crevé par une balle

Mais alors qu'un peu plus tard elle franchissait Poissy, leur voiture essuya un coup de feu tiré par un inspecteur en faction dans la localité. La balle creva un pneu du véhicule qui fit une embardée. Redressée par son conducteur, l'auto poursuivit sa route jusqu'à Chambourcy. Là, elle rencontra un barrage hâtivement établi par les gendarmes.

Marcel Bertoux tira dans la direction des policiers, ce qui lui permit une fois de plus de franchir le barrage. Mais, à une centaine de mètres de là, la voiture dut s'arrêter. Les deux jeunes s'enfuirent en courant vers les bois de Chambourcy. Les gendarmes constatèrent alors que le siège avant était ensanglanté. Des traces de sang jalonnaient la courte distance parcourue par le couple pour se réfugier dans les bois.

Les deux jeunes gangsters, malgré les battues, échappaient une fois de plus, mais ils se séparèrent alors. Tandis que Bertoux, blessé au bras, faisait de l'auto-stop et se faisait emmener à l'hôpital de Saint-Germain, Lucienne Colombo regagnait elle aussi cette localité. On devait l'apercevoir vers 15 heures faisant des achats.

Quant à son complice, sitôt devant l'hôpital, il s'appropriait une 403 verte immatriculée 18-38 CZ 78 et s'enfuyait à nouveau.

Un accident de voiture fait découvrir le pot aux roses

C'est un banal accident de la route survenu le 31 août à La Chaux-du-Dombief (Jura) qui devait faire découvrir la bande des

malfaiteurs. Les deux accidentés, André Lemoigne et Raymond Duquennes, âgés de 19 ans, circulaient dans une Jaguar volée à Paris.

Ils donnèrent alors le nom de deux de leurs complices, Lucienne Colombo et Marcel Bertoux, avec lesquels ils avaient cambriolé un restaurateur du Perray, près de Rambouillet, s'emparant d'un million cinq cent mille francs et de bijoux placés dans un coffre-fort.

La bande s'était ensuite rendue sur la Côte d'Azur pour procéder au partage du butin. Tandis que Lemoigne et Duquennes remontaient vers le Jura à bord d'une Jaguar volée, la « belle Lucienne » et son ami Marcel gagnaient Saint-Germain-en-Laye dans une Mercedes dérobée à un touriste italien. Echappant une première fois à la police, ils avaient alors gagné la Nièvre.

Von Braun annonce : L'an prochain un Américain s'envolera dans l'espace

Durée du premier voyage 8 minutes

Au cours d'une conférence de presse tenue à Stuttgart, le docteur Von Braun, a annoncé que les Etats-Unis ont l'intention de voyager l'année prochaine, d'envoyer un homme dans l'espace à bord, sans doute, d'une fusée Redstone. Selon ces projets, l'homme expédié rattrapera dans l'atmosphère terrestre après un vol balistique de six minutes. On connaîtra ainsi les réactions physiques et psychiques d'un homme qui aura la possibilité de se libérer de l'urgence de se séparer de sa fusée pour redescendre en parachute.

Par la suite, un homme sera placé sur une orbite autour de la Terre grâce à une fusée Atlas qui a une portée de 5.000 km.

Le docteur Von Braun a ajouté que dès son retour aux Etats-

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...un homme de 30 ans, cyclomoteuriste qui roulaient le même sens que lui. L'un, M. Stephan Andarskielcz, na. de Herlain-Coupieng, a été sur le coup. Un autre, M. De-Vernier, 28 ans, de Nœux-lez-A, a été grièvement blessé, la que le troisième, M. Erardie cœur, 37 ans, d'Herlain-Coupieng tirait à peu près indemne à châte.

chreulant à bicyclette, rue Général-Colas, à Cahou, M. sh Lechat, 66 ans, chiffon- a été heurté par un camion une route lui passa sur le s. Le malheureux, qui a eu râne et la cage thoracique éa, a expiré.

Fourgons contre auto

de tourisme : 2 morts

malons parmi les autres acci- : de la route, celui qui est nu au carrefour de la Du- e, à Vaudelle-d'Auxac (Cha-), où un fourgon piloté par Jean Piqueux, 34 ans, ébe- à Saint-Amand-de-Bonneure rente) a heurté la voiture de André Billard, 31 ans, de Tu- lui transportait avec lui son t ses deux filles. Après un i- que, la voiture légère est ée dans un fossé. M. Billard t. Le fourgon a parcouru trentaine de mètres avant de uer dans un champ. Son ctour a été mortellement t.

de BATT-ETIENNE-DE-TI- Alpes-Maritimes), un camion entreprise de goudronnage tombé dans un ravin de tress. Le chauffeur, M. Etien- oreau, 35 ans, a succombé à mesures. Un autre ouvrier, arcia Casani a été sérieuse- atement.

de BUGEAT (Corrèze), auto a heurté un obstacle qui ourrait sur le bord de la . Un passager, M. André

un prisonnier... la R.A.T.M. Le conducteur, sa femme et son fils ont été grièvement blessés et hospitalisés à Argenteuil.

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Le docteur Van Braun a donné quelques détails sur le projet Saturne : qu'il considère comme le plus grand et le plus ambitieux des Etats-Unis.

Le but de ce projet est de créer un service de transmission à l'échelle du monde grâce à trois satellites. Les communications téléphoniques, les télégrammes et les émissions de télévision seraient transmis grâce à ces satellites. Une commission scientifique a déjà préparé ce système de télécommunications et on attend plus maintenant que la fabrication des fusées nécessaires.

Malgré les échecs successifs enregistrés par son nouveau pays, le technicien des fusées reste optimiste. Le moment n'est plus loin, a-t-il précisé, où il sera possible d'envoyer une expédition dans la Lune. Les experts étudient actuellement la possibilité d'atteindre la Lune avec une fusée d'une poussée de 8.000 tonnes. Cependant, a ajouté Von Braun, je préfère personnellement une fusée plus petite à trois étages dérivée du type Saturne.

Von Braun est partisan de la mise en place de plusieurs petites stations spatiales, certaines avec des hommes, au lieu d'une seule grande comme il le pensait précédemment.

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Après les précédentes ouvertures des 33 août pour la Corse, 30 août pour l'Aude, les Bouches-du-Rhône, le Gard, l'Hérault, les Pyrénées-Orientales, le Vaucluse et le Var, ce sont cette fois 59 départements qui connaîtront, dimanche, à 7 heures, les joies de l'ouverture générale de la chasse. Les dernières ouvertures auront lieu les 13 et 20 septembre pour un certain nombre de départements.

au sous-sol et les couloirs et ainsi dégagés. Le autre innovation : les teurs des ventes, française et agera, pourront désormais crine des abonnements ar- a au secrétariat de l'hôtel. de recevoir les catalogues le à l'occasion des vacances plus importantes.

75.000 doses de vac-

cins antipollu volées et

retrouvées au Canada

Sécurité de la province de bec a retrouvée intactes les 00 doses de vaccin antipol- litique volées lundi matin Institut de microbiologie de iverité de Montréal. n craignait que les précieuses oules n'aient été emportées les voleurs dans un pay- nger pour alimenter le mar- not du vaccin.

Les parcours de sa-

fres forts opèrent à

Arras

ne somme de 1.300.000 francs volée à la base catinaire de en bordure de la ligne la-Lille, en gare d'Arras, et appartient à une société lectricité dont le siège à Paris. es maîtres, pénétrant dans bureaux, ont éventré le cof- fort à l'aide d'un chalumeau et ont emporté de la pair- térieure de l'entreprise.

Premier vol de l'X-15

moteur en route

Noté par l'American Scott- field, l'avion-fusée experi- ntal X-15 a effectué hier son mier vol avec moteur en

route. Jusqu'à présent, argut par un bombardier B-52, il n'avait effectué que des vols plans.

Un appel de prudence

aux usagers de la

forêt

Le Centre National de Pré- vention et de Protection l'aire un appel à la prudence à tous les usagers de la forêt et recoman- de en premier lieu le débrou- saillissement des sous-bois et des coupe-feu, ainsi que le renfor- cement de la surveillance.

Dans cet appel, qui est lancé au moment où un incendie de forêt près de Balmur vient de couter la vie à cinq pompiers, le Centre National indique qu'il ne faut jamais allumer de foyer à proximité des forêts pour brû- ler les mauvaises herbes et ris- quer sur le fait que le vent peut transformer un petit feu en une catastrophe.

Un postier parisien dé-

testé de 250.000 fr.

Vingt-quatre heures après l'au- cieux hold-up commis dans une banque, rue de la Pompe (16^e), une nouvelle agression, non moins audacieuse, a été perpétrée 23, boulevard de la Somme (17^e), au moment où M. Robert Subon, postier au ser- vice financier des P.T.T., péné- trait dans l'immeuble, pour pré- senter un mandat au concierge. L'incroyable qui le suivait à dis- tance, a profité de cet instant pour plonger brusquement sa main dans la sacoche de l'em- ployé, emportant d'une somme de 250.000 francs environ, en bil- lets de banque. Le malheureux avait enfilé son sac et n'a pas été retrouvé.

Suicide au bois de

Vincennes

Un homme a été découvert pendu à une branche, hier ma- tin vers 7 h. 30, dans le bois de Vincennes.

Il s'agit de M. Yves Menes ne en 1914, à Morlaix et demou- rant 28, rue du Val-d'Avenir, à Saint-Maurice. L'enquête a con- clué à un suicide.

Accident mortel au

passage à niveau de

Pierrefitte

En traversant la voie ferrée au passage à niveau de Pierrefitte, Mme Marguerite Mine, 55 ans, de Steins, a été renversée et broyée par un train de marchan- dises venant de Creil et se diri- geant vers Bobigny.

Un Boeing 707 allant

au Bourget déroute

vers Londres

Un Boeing 707 venant de Ro- me, avec 35 passagers à bord qui devait atterrir hier après-mi- di au Bourget a été brusquement déroute sur Londres au moment où il commençait la manœuvre d'atterrissage au-dessus de l'Éro- drome.

C'est parce que l'un des vorants lumineux témoignait du bon fonctionnement du train d'atterrissage ne s'était pas al- lumé que le pilote avait préféré poursuivre jusqu'à Londres, où la compagnie a une trentaine d'opé- rations et dispose de tous les moyens techniques nécessaires. L'avion s'est donc posé nor- malement à Londres.

Murtrier par amour

Lille, Michel L. a

chôlé son défenseur

Le jeune Michel L., 17 ans, qui, à Schœlcher, près de Gueu- les-Trélines, a abattu de trois coups de fusil son beau-père Ru- bert Lohseur, a choisi pour dé- fenseur Me Robert Tiercin, du Barreau de Versailles.

Le jeune Michel L. a toujours prétendu qu'il avait tué son beau-père parce que celui-ci mal- traitait sa mère et de nombren- ses personnes habitant Bobouat et Orgerus, où était employé le jeune meurtrier, ont signé des pétitions en faveur de ce dernier.

Me Robert Tiercin demandera prochainement au magistrat-ins- tructeur versaillais la mise en liberté provisoire de son client.



David et Stephen Ertson, habitant Sheffield, en Angleterre, possèdent une tortue terrestre, une gentille tortue baptisée « Tradi » qui ne faisait pas de bruit à la maison et qui les mettait en joie avec sa démarche très lente, sa tête étonnante et ses petits yeux très expressifs. Elle était choyée à la maison et recevait tous les jours de superbes feuilles de salade, et un bol de lait. Or, quelle ne fut pas la surprise des deux enfants... et de leurs parents, lorsqu'un matin, ils aperçurent cinq œufs pondus par le brave « Tradi ». C'est, paraît-il, un fait extrêmement rare de voir des tortues pondre en captivité... aussi l'événement a été photographié, et maintenant on attend les naissances...

du véhicule, l'enfant a été tué.
Près de SAINT-QUENTIN (Aisne), au Heudicq, les Morillat, un cycloporteur conduit par M. Fernand Marchand, 62 ans, de Tullins, s'est écrasé contre un poteau sur le coup.
pylône. Le sexagénaire a succombé sur le coup.

Terrassé par une force de 3 tonnes UN OUVRIER DE L'ALSTHOM DE TARBES EST GRIEUVEMENT BLESSE

Hier matin, à 11 h 18, M. Manuel Gallego, âgé de 45 ans, père de quatre enfants, a été très grièvement blessé au cours de son travail à l'usine Alsthom, à Tarbes, occupé au démontage d'une machine pneumatique, cédant à la pression, une pièce d'acier se détachait et l'atteignait à la tête. C'est une force d'environ trois tonnes qui l'a frappé.

C'est la troisième fois qu'un tel genre d'accident se produit. C'est par dix-huit que l'on compte dans cet atelier les malades, les accidents du travail dus à la production. Cet atelier est celui où la direction prétendait jeter les travailleurs à la rue.

Aujourd'hui encore, elle prétend leur diminuer les salaires. A l'atelier où travaillait l'ouvrier accidenté, le personnel unanimement à l'appel de la C.G.T. a arrêté le travail tout l'après-midi de vendredi.

Signaux en outre qu'au moment l'accident connu, quinze ouvriers se sont offerts pour donner leur sang afin de tenter de sauver leur camarade.

(Correspondant Humanité).

Plus d'un million de prix récompenseront les meilleurs inventeurs du

CONCOURS LÉPINE

QUI S'OUVRE AUJOURD'HUI A STRASBOURG

(De notre envoyé spécial, Roger LE BRIQUIER.)

STRASBOURG (par téléphone). — Depuis hier, quatre cents inventeurs s'installent dans le Hall 3 de la Foire de Strasbourg, en vue de l'inauguration, cet après-midi, du 50^e concours Lépine, qui ne fermera ses portes au public que le 20 septembre.

Depuis sa création en 1901, le Concours Lépine s'est tenu 49 fois à Paris. Alors, pourquoi Strasbourg cette année ? Il semble que ses organisateurs aient été plus tentés par le respect de la tradition, puisqu'ils ont cru bon de l'accommoder à la sauce européenne en logeant dans cette Foire le célèbre « Salon de la première chance ».

Plus d'un million de prix

Paris n'aura droit, cette année, qu'à la présentation des principales inventions, après la clôture du concours, lorsque l'« Orac » sera décerné par un jury de personnalités parisiennes et d'artistes du théâtre et du cinéma.

Tous les autres prix (plus d'un million de francs en espèces) seront attribués ici, à Strasbourg. Citons, notamment, le prix de la Vie des métiers (100.000 francs) accordé à une invention améliorant les conditions de travail. Il fut attribué, l'an dernier, à l'ingénieuse pince à auto-serrage de M. Lebre pour accrocher les caisses ou les pièces de bois.

Il est utile de rappeler combien le Concours Lépine contribue souvent à faire avancer la science.

C'est devant son jury que furent présentées bon nombre d'inventions que nous apprécions depuis longtemps.

Edouard Branly y expose le principe de sa télégraphie sans fil ; Fernand Forest, différents modèles de moteurs à explosion et un changement de vitesse progressif ; Langelie, un réfrigérateur, première application pratique de la conservation par le froid (1903). On vit également, au Concours Lépine, la protection contre les rayons X, l'hélice à pas variable (1909), l'hélicoptère (1917), le roulement à billes (1912), l'injecteur à oxygène (1918), la transfusion sanguine (1924), la respiration artificielle (1934) et le cœur artificiel (1937).

Des inventions, comme le lampé à magnésium, le stylo à bille, la semelle de crêpe ou l'aplanisme de télévision, et largement utilisées aujourd'hui, ont eu leur première chance au Concours Lépine.

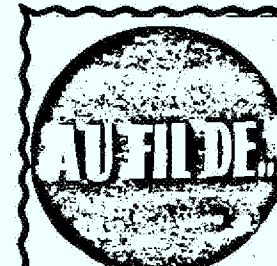
Qu'apportera celui qui s'ouvre ? Ce soir, nous serons parfaitement renseignés. Mais, puisque nous avons déjà soulevé, hier, un coin du voile en parlant de la mise au point et du réglage des moteurs, nous pouvons dire que la qualité technique, scientifique et industrielle de nombreuses inventions est indiscutable.

Beaucoup d'entre elles concernent l'amélioration du sort des humains physiques (par exemple des machines à calculer et à écrire en braille), la simplification des appareils ménagers et des procédés augmentant la sécurité des véhicules à moteur.

Bien sûr, en marge des inventions sérieuses, se placeront, comme toujours, des trouvailles pittoresques ou même insolites, genre chausse-pied à distance pour obèse, vase de nuit phosphorescent ou aiguille à tricoter extensible.

Les inévitables ouvre-boîtes, fidèles à tous les concours Lépine, auront un sort particulier cette année puisque 300.000 francs récompenseront le « père » du meilleur.

350 inventeurs ont donc cherché à fabriquer l'ouvre-boîte idéal. Vingt d'entre eux, sélectionnés par un jury, seront présentés aujourd'hui. Nous vous dirons donc lundi si vous pouvez ranger délicatement pincettes, tenailles et marteaux qui, si souvent, remplacent, au dernier moment, le merveilleux ouvre-boîte, incomparable, inimitable, mais, hélas ! exceptionnellement... défilant.



Les avis de contravention du 2 septembre annulés

Pour tenir compte des restrictions de circulation qui ont dû être imposées le 2 septembre 1959, jour de l'arrivée et du départ dans Paris du président Eisenhower, le préfet de police a décidé que les avis apposés sur les voitures à Paris au cours de cette journée, pour inobservation des règles du stationnement, ne recevraient aucune suite.

Meurtre boulevard de la Bastille

A l'intérieur d'une vespasienne, située boulevard de la Bastille, entre la rue Jules-César et la rue de Berry, les policiers ont découvert, blessé de deux balles de revolver, un représentant de commerce, M. Henri-Fortuné Fripou, 42 ans, 85 rue de la Grande-Belle, à Paris.

Transporté à l'hôpital Saint-Artoise, la victime a succombé sans qu'on ait pu l'interroger.

Première croisière d'un observatoire flottant soviétique

Le navire scientifique « Vostok » (34,5 mètres de long, 3.500 tonnes) a quitté hier Odesse pour Vladivostok, afin d'effectuer son premier voyage. Il peut parcourir sans escale 15.000 milles et tenir la mer pendant 3 mois et demi. Il est doté de moteurs d'une puissance de 3.000 CV. A bord de ce bâtiment se trouvent 35 laboratoires destinés à l'observation météorologique des niveaux de l'atmosphère au-dessus de l'océan et au contrôle de toutes les profondeurs de l'océan.

Sourd-muet, Maurice 11 ans, n'avait pas attendu venir le traire...

Un jeune sourd-muet, Maurice Thibaud, 11 ans, de Collonges-au-Mont-D'Or (Rhône), a été blessé hier par un train, au lieu dit les « Grandes-Violettes », au moment où il traversait les voies près du domicile de ses parents.

Très grièvement blessé, l'enfant a été transporté à l'hôpital Edouard-Berriot et, de là, est conduit à son domicile, toute intervention ayant été jugée inutile.

On peut s'abonner au catalogue de l'hôtel Drouot

L'hôtel Drouot, fermé depuis le 1^{er} août, va reprendre son activité, à partir de mardi prochain, 8 septembre. Les magasins s'agrandissent. Les vendeurs pourront débiter leurs marchan-

Quel temps fait-il Monsieur Nuage ?

Beau ou nuageux

Au sud de la ligne Bordeaux-Auxerre-Strasbourg : brumes et brouillards matinaux dans le Sud-Ouest. Temps nuageux avec ondées orageuses et orages locaux plus violents des Pyrénées-Orientales au Massif Central.

Ailleurs : Généralement peu nuageux. Températures en hausse.



A tout à l'



Paul Robeson salue les amis venus l'accueillir (en haut) et reçoit le bouquet de la bienvenue que lui remet Nelly Feld au nom de la délégation de notre journal.



QUATORZE heures, hier, à Orly. L'avion se pose. Il vient de Londres. Des passagers paraissent. Une hôtesse, derrière nous, demande :

— Est-ce Paul Robeson que vous attendez ?
Sur la passerelle, un génit nous salue. Il porte un baskin, celle d'Othello. Paul Robeson est à Paris.

Quelques instants plus tard, notre groupe, la délégation de « l'Humanité », bavarde déjà avec le grand chanteur. Il sourit.

Roger Roucaute, André Stille, membres du Comité Central de notre Parti, Nelly Feld, Yves Moreau, Georges Léon et le compositeur Jean Wiener qui, tout à l'heure, sur l'immense scène de Meudon, accompagnera Paul Robeson, l'ont salué. Ils l'accompagnent maintenant dans l'aérogare.

Il dit sa joie d'être à la tête de « l'Humanité »

Meudon, les batteurs de la fête occupent le terrain. Pour gagner l'Observatoire où va se tenir la conférence de presse organisée par notre journal, nous passons devant eux. Paul Robeson envoie de larges saluts.

Dans la salle, l'assistance accueille le visiteur. Il y a là nos camarades Etienne Fajon, membre du Bureau Politique, directeur de « l'Humanité », Roger Roucaute, administrateur de « l'Humanité », Georges Gosnat, André Stille, membres du Comité Central, la cantatrice Irène Joachim, Jean Wiener, Joseph Kosma, Georges Boris, Jean Mialhe, de la direction du « Chant du Monde », les représentants de la presse et des radios.

NOTRE camarade, Roger Roucaute prend la parole et souhaite la bienvenue au prestigieux artiste :

« Au nom, dit-il, de l'organe central du Parti Communiste Français, j'ai le très grand plaisir de remercier Paul Robeson d'avoir bien voulu accepter l'invitation que nous lui avons adressée, le conviant à venir, à Paris, chanter à notre fête, et par là relever l'éclat de cette dernière... »

Pierre Juin parle à son tour. Il évoque à grands traits la vie et la carrière du créateur d'« Old Man River » : « Cet honnête homme au sens que le XVIII^e siècle donnait à ce mot, cet homme courageux, au sens que notre époque donne à ce terme... »

Dans l'assistance, soudain, un regrettable incident : un micro tombe. Il a vu le premier que le chanteur allait parler.

« Ce qu'a dit Paul Robeson... »

D'ABORD sa joie d'être parmi nous, tout à l'heure, à Meudon. Sa joie d'être en France, dix ans après le Congrès de Plevel. Sa joie de paraître devant l'immense public populaire de notre fête et de lui faire plaisir en chantant.

Puis, devant les questions que certains de nous lui posent, il nous fait d'une

voix, il est un vieux chant de la-bas qui commence ainsi (Paul Robeson chante pour appuyer ses dires). Et, voyez cet air chinois, dit-il, n'est-ce pas la même chose. Et, nouveau, la musique monte. Je pourrais accumuler les preuves. En voici encore une. J'ai dit, quand j'étais enfant, que le temple de mon père, c'était pasteur, j'écoutais les sermons. Ils commençaient par des mots. Les mots, peu à peu, devenaient des incantations et, peu à peu, se transformaient en mélodies. Or toutes les musiques, d'un certain point de vue, se ressemblent et toutes sont un peu sacrées. N'y a-t-il pas un peu des « Choraïs » de Bach dans les chants « nègres » ? Et qu'est-ce de la parenté du langage de Moussorgski et de votre Debussy ? Boris Godounov, Pelléas ? Que dire aussi de naturel de Monteverdi, au début du XVII^e siècle ? Peut-être qu'il y a là, une admirable continuité ? »

Debussy, Moussorgski, Monteverdi, Milhaud, Bartók. Comme Paul Robeson choisit bien ses exemples ! Comme sait rendre à la musique ce qu'il lui appartient, en exaltant son pouvoir... Sans pontifier, mais en sachant d'abord et surtout comme Debussy, justement percevoir, dans la musique écrite la vraie marque de sincérité.

Je vais rencontrer la classe ouvrière

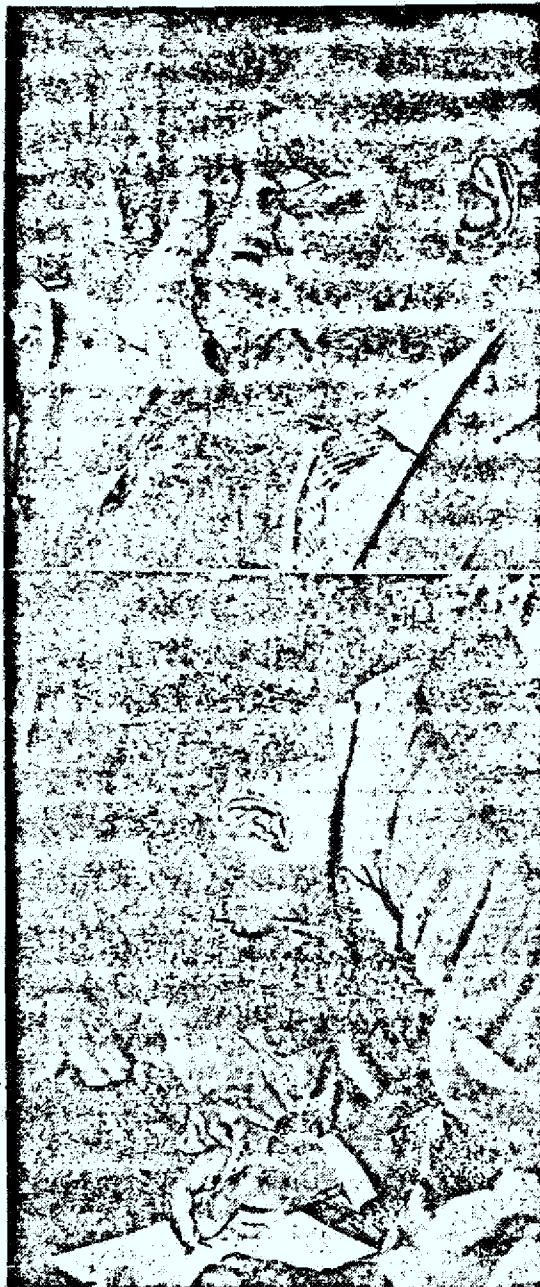
LONGTEMPS encore, Paul Robeson aurait voulu convaincre son auditoire. Celui-ci s'y serait prêté, conquis déjà par l'extraordinaire puissance de l'artiste dont il ne savait plus très bien s'il lui parlait durant une conférence de presse ou s'il était témoin privilégié d'un récit inédit.

Paul Robeson avait parlé de Debussy. Debussy, naguère écrit un prélude : « Ce qu'il dit le vent d'Ouest ». Ce qu'il dit Paul Robeson lui ressemble. Mais il est une chose qu'il faut ajouter :

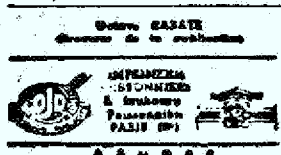
— J'ai toujours été fier d'être ce que je suis. Un Noir d'Amérique. C'est ce dont je me suis fier, que j'ai pris, autrefois, conscience de la lutte commune des Noirs et de la classe ouvrière. C'est parce que je me rencontre demain la classe ouvrière que je suis ici.

J'ai eu naguère, vous savez, des ennemis. Des hommes, surtout dans le monde blanc. Et je ne nierai pas qu'avec eux c'est en grande partie la puissance pacifique de l'Union Soviétique, celle des pays socialistes qui me permet d'être libre, en Amérique, comme aujourd'hui. Encore une fois, sur les lieux de

et reçoit le bouquet de la bienvenue que lui remet Nelly Feld au nom de la délégation de notre journal.



En haut : Robeson chante.
Ci-dessus : le premier autographe.



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un reporter branche son magnétophone. Il a vu le premier que le chanteur allait parler.

Ce qu'a dit Paul Robeson...

D' sa joie d'être parmi nous, tout à l'heure, à Meudon. Sa joie d'être en France, dix ans après le Congrès de Fleyel. Sa joie de paraître devant l'immense public populaire de notre fête et de lui faire plaisir en chantant.

Puis, devant les questions que certains de nous allaient poser, animé d'une flamme, le mot n'est pas trop fort, à laquelle nous nous brûlons, l'interprète d'Old Man River, l'admirable Othello, aborde les problèmes de son art et, mieux qu'en un long discours, sait montrer comment cet art est infiniment lié à tous les aspects de la vie. Comment, en lui, la vie et les actions des hommes, leurs souffrances et leurs joies, leurs luttes et leurs victoires, se reflètent au prisme d'une langue universelle la musique, prolongement du langage, aussi naturel que lui.

C'est alors, en écoutant Paul Robeson, dégager avec une clarté, un tact, un sens des mots à choisir et des exemples parmi les artistes, que nous fûmes tous témoins, non plus d'une déclaration, mais d'une véritable conférence où la musicologie devenait un argument social, où la sociologie rejoignait l'histoire de la musique et celle des civilisations.

Il faudrait pour être fidèle à Paul Robeson, le citer tout entier. Mais, comment pourrions-nous, au moins, montrer ici la façon qu'il eut d'illustrer musicalement le moindre de ses propos ? Il n'y a en lui aucune fatuité, simplement un très grand savoir et peut-être encore plus un sens de l'humain qui autorise à ranger Paul Robeson parmi les très grands intellectuels de ce temps.

QUELQU'UN prit la parole. — On nous a dit, tout à l'heure, à quel point vous vous passionnez pour l'étude des civilisations africaines.

Paul Robeson offrit, pour réponse, une nouvelle et éblouissante démonstration. Dépassant le caractère même de la question, il se lança véritablement sur son sujet. Et, alors, l'orateur, le tragédien, le fils du pasteur de Princeton, le musicien, le partisan de la Paix se mêlèrent en un seul homme :

— Il n'y a pas d'exemple, dit-il, à peu près, où la musique que l'on aime vient seulement du cerveau. Si vous écoutez bien, vous verrez que toutes les grandes œuvres que l'histoire a retenues, sont profondément imprégnées d'un sentiment populaire et que toutes, à un certain degré, à leur façon, sont directement issues du langage naturel. Il n'y a pas là, de mystère. Voyez, en me parlant à l'instant, de civilisation afri-

que, c'est en fait, ce que j'ai pris, autrefois, conscience de la lutte commune des Noirs et de la classe ouvrière. C'est parce que je me rencontre demain la classe ouvrière que je suis ici.

« J'ai eu naguère, vous savez, des ennus. Des Noirs, partout dans le monde m'ont aidé. Et je ne nierai pas qu'avec eux c'est en grande partie la puissance pacifique de l'Union Soviétique, celle des pays socialistes qui me permet d'être libre, en Amérique, comme aujourd'hui. Encore une chose. Ici, sur les lieux de la fête de « l'Humanité », il me plaît de rappeler qu'autrefois, passant en France pour aller en Espagne avec les républicains au combat, Marcel Cerdan m'avait demandé de venir parmi vous. Me voici. »

Merci, Paul Robeson.

Georges LEOI



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 9/17/59

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Rebulet to State Department 6/8/59 and Bureau form 0-1 dated 8/31/59.

On 6/12/59 while in Vienna personally and again by written communication on 7/15/59, I alerted the following sources to the probability that the subject would attend the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna and requested that any pertinent information regarding his activities which might come to the sources' attention be provided:

- (2) Political Section, The American Embassy, Vienna; and,
- (3) Security Section, The American Embassy, Vienna.

No information on the activities of ROBESON has been received from these sources, with the exception of the following.

The Political Section of the Embassy reported that the subject was the star performer at an assembly held on 8/1/59 at the Melden Platz in Vienna. This was billed as one of the "highlights" of the Seventh World Youth Festival. Austrian officials estimated that approximately 32,000 individuals attended this assembly.

An Associated Press dispatch from Vienna under date of 8/4/59 reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. The press dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "restriction of Negro rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

This case is being retained in a pending status to report any information which may be received from sources and also long enough to permit personal check with sources in Vienna on the occasion of my next visit to that city.

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Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: ESLANDA ROBESON is wife of PAUL LE ROY ROBESON and mother of PAUL ROBESON, Jr. Has stated PAUL ROBESON considers the US his home despite stay abroad. Returned to the US in November, 1958, for short period before returning to Europe. Subject traveling and living abroad, including a visit to the Soviet Union where she reportedly received medical treatment. While in US was in contact with members of CP, USA, and spoke at NCASF functions in NYC on 11/14, 23/58, - participation set forth. Listed as member of Sponsoring Committee for International Women's Day Reception and Exhibition held NYC, 3/22/59, and sent greetings to the Reception. Subject's writings appeared in 3/8 and 6/28/59 issues of "The Worker." Subject in contact with Soviet Establishment in US in November, 1958.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Family

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON is the wife of PAUL LE ROY ROBESON and the mother of PAUL ROBESON, Jr.

[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that PAUL ROBESON, well known figure in the entertainment field, was known to him prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] stated that PAUL ROBESON, Jr., was a member of the State Committee of the New York State Communist Party (CP) [REDACTED]

B. Residence

[REDACTED] furnished information on [REDACTED] reflecting that ESLANDA ROBESON stated publicly on November 14, 1958, that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

C. Travel and Activities Abroad

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The New York "Herald Tribune" issue of December 31, 1958, page 9, carried the following under the dateline "London, December 30:"

"PAUL ROBESON, American singer, and his wife arrived today in Moscow to start a month's stay in the Soviet Union."

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An article appeared in the "News Chronicle," a London, England, daily newspaper, for May 29, 1959, indicating that Mrs. ROBESON was a speaker at a meeting of the Interracial Friendship Coordinating Council held in London on May 28, 1959. According to the newspaper article, this meeting was held to protest the murder of a British West Indian named KELSO COCHRANE who resided in the Notting Hill section of London. Mrs. ROBESON, according to the article, was cheered by an audience of about 450 white and colored people when she said, "I believe that KELSO COCHRANE was killed because he was colored. He died because of racial prejudice and hatred."

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The September 12, 1959, issue of the "Daily Worker," London, England, carried an article which stated ESLANDA ROBESON was to depart from London on September 12, 1959, for East Germany, where she would meet with representatives from other countries to participate in an unveiling of a memorial commemorating the death of 92,000 women who died in Ravensbrueck Concentration Camp. b1

D. Health

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II. CONNECTION WITH THE CP AND/OR CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

A. CP Associates

[REDACTED] on November 8, 1958, furnished information reflecting that ESLANDA ROBESON had been in contact with BENJAMIN DAVIS on that day and further that she expected to contact LLOYD BROWN in the near future. b7D

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"The Worker" issue of May 17, 1959, page 3, column 1, identified BENJAMIN DAVIS as Chairman of the New York State CP.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which discontinued publication on January 13, 1958.

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B. National Council of American Soviet Friendship
(NCASF)

A characterization of the NCASF is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

[REDACTED] furnished the following information on [REDACTED] concerning a Rally for Peace and Friendship, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on November 14, 1958: b7D

The rally started at 8:00 p.m. with approximately 2,000 persons in attendance. The first speaker introduced was ESLANDA ROBESON.

Mrs. ROBESON spoke mostly about the trip she and her husband made abroad, commenting upon the warm reception they had received in England and the USSR. She stated she had learned two words in Russian, "Welcome Friends," because these two words she had heard everywhere she and her husband went. Mrs. ROBESON remarked that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be in the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

[REDACTED] during the period November 18, through December 16, 1958, advised that ESLANDA ROBESON had been present as a speaker at the above described rally. b7D

Concerning the above-mentioned rally, "The Worker" of November 9, 1958, on page fifteen, carries an advertisement concerning the rally which states in part the following:

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"Observing twenty-five years of diplomatic relations...and the 41st anniversary of the Soviet Union. Rally for Peace and Friendship." ESLANDA ROBESON is advertised as the featured speaker. The NCASF is listed as the sponsoring organization.

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speech to be presented by ESLANDA ROBESON on Sunday, November 23, 1958, at 150 West 85th Street, New York City. ESLANDA ROBESON is identified [REDACTED] as the co-Chairman of the Committee of Women of the NCASF and a member of the Board of Directors of the NCASF. b7E

Concerning the above-mentioned function, the informant advised further on [REDACTED] that he had received information reflecting it had been held as scheduled and that approximately seventy persons had been in attendance.

Mrs. ROBESON reportedly spoke for approximately one hour concerning her recent trip to the Soviet Union. She stated the reception given her and her husband in the Soviet Union had been "terrific" and in addition to a heavy police guard, the Army had to be mobilized to protect her and her husband. She stated 60,000 persons were inside the Sports Palace in Moscow when her husband sang there and that 60,000 more were standing outside. She is quoted as saying "there are rumors that PAUL will take up residence abroad. PAUL's home will always be where his family is, in the United States, even if he takes up temporary residence somewhere else. PAUL ROBESON is making two movie pictures in the Soviet Union, one will be his own life story and the other one a travel picture. PAUL will return to the Soviet Union in December."

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that on April 29, 1959, a memorial meeting was held under the sponsorship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at 227 West 46th Street, New York City, to honor the memory of the late THEODORE BAYER. b7D

According to the informant, THEODORE BAYER had been an officer in NCASF.

Concerning the meeting, it was reported a record which had been made by PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, in England, was played for the audience. In the record, both expressed their sympathy for the BAYER family and praised BAYER for his work in the field of American-Soviet relations.

C. Women's Day Reception and Exhibition

"The Worker" issue of March 15, 1959, page 14, carries an advertisement concerning an "International Women's Day Reception and Exhibition" to be held on Sunday, March 22, 1959, at 113 West 57th Street, New York City. It was noted that the affair is sponsored by "The Progressive Women's Committee."

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Concerning International Women's Day, a column in "The Worker" of March 8, 1959, on page 9, entitled "How It Began" by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated in part that March, 1960 will mark the 50th anniversary of International Women's Day.

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The article went on to explain that the day was so designated by a vote of delegates at the International Socialist Congress held in Copenhagen in 1910. It was stated further that the day is not celebrated in the United States to the extent that it is in other countries, especially the Socialist countries.

On [REDACTED] advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected National Field Organizer of the CP, USA, at a CP National Committee meeting held on June 28, 1958. b7D

On page 15 of the above-mentioned edition of "The Worker" is a list of members of the Sponsoring Committee for the above described Reception to be held on March 22, 1959. ESLANDA ROBESON's name appears on this list.

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Information concerning the Women's Day Reception and Exhibition held on March 22, 1959, was furnished by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] N.Y. b7D

According to the informant, a cablegram of greetings to the Reception from ESLANDA ROBESON was read to the audience by PEGGY DENNIS, the Chairlady for the Reception.

PEGGY DENNIS is the wife of EUGENE DENNIS. ~~MRS. DENNIS~~

"The Worker" issue of September 13, 1959, page 4, column 3, refers to EUGENE DENNIS as National Secretary, CP, USA.

D. "The Worker"

"The Worker" issue of March 8, 1959, carried a three paragraph column authored by "Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON."

The column, undated, originated in Moscow and sent by cable is quoted below:

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"MOSCOW (By Cable) -- The main problem facing American women today is the criminal wastefulness of national housekeeping. Budget defense spending brings us neither security nor friends. Every housewife knows you cannot pour most of your allowance down the drain of futile defense and simultaneously accomplish sensible housekeeping.

"American women, half the voting population, must assume natural responsibility for housekeeping of the nation, and use their common sense in spending the bulk of the budget for the essentials of life, namely health, housing, education and implementation of civil rights for all Americans.

"American women must replace the extravagantly wasteful war budget and program with a constructive peace budget and program."

"The Worker" issue of June 28, 1959, page 6, column 3, carried a column entitled "The American Ambassador Rules Sudan." It was indicated this column had been written by ESLANDA ROBESON from Moscow. The column is quoted below:

"THE ALL-AMERICAN BOYS who make our U. S. foreign policy seem to have added another satellite to their ever-growing list. This latest one is The Sudan, in the heart of Black Africa.

"The American Ambassador rules the Sudan from Khartoum," said a young sudanese, bitterly. "The Government carries out his orders, and we are now no better than an American colony."

"There is the familiar pattern of recent Americanism (or rather, Un-Americanism) in The Sudan today. All organizations, including trade unions and political parties, which insist upon rights for the workers, and do not wholly endorse the Government's policies, are accused of being 'Communist-led' and are dissolved.

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"Since the new Government, led by General Aboud, who took over following the military coup d'etat in November, came to power, there has been a systematic campaign of repression. The Farmers' Union, the Workers' Union, and the Anti-Imperialist Party, all of which had chosen delegates to send to the All-African Peoples' Conference at Accra in December, were declared to be 'Communist-led' and therefore illegal and were dissolved; the elected delegates were refused permission to attend the Accra Conference.

"THERE ARE QUITE a number of Sudanese here in Moscow, many of them students at the University. During the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the congress received greetings from the Communist Party of The Sudan. Since the Communist Party is now banned in Sudan, no names were attached to the greeting.

"Yet the new Government of Sudan announced that any Sudanese who was in the Soviet Union (not just in Moscow) or in any East European Republic at the time the greeting was announced, would be arrested upon return to the Sudan. This is about as high-handed as it is possible to be.

"WHOLESALE ARRESTS have been made in the Sudan on the undefined grounds that the victims are 'revolutionaries.' The leaders of the Sudan Youth Organization have been arrested and their organization has been dissolved, again on the grounds that it is 'Communist-led.'

"IS THE Communist Party strong and active in Sudan, I asked rather tactlessly, I afterwards thought. The group of Sudanese friends looked at me, smiled, and wisely said nothing at all. Later one of them said that any leader, any organization which the Government fears for any reason, or which the Americans in Sudan find to be 'un-cooperative' is promptly declared to be Communist, and is harrassed.

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"The Americans very much feared the Accra Conference,' another said; 'they fear any signs of Africans uniting for their freedom and independence and strength.'

"The British created and maintained divisions within our country,' said still another Sudanese. 'They set up barriers between the northern and southern parts of Sudan, and we had to have permits from the British to travel from one part of our country to another. They also tried to foment distrust and dislike between our people in the north and in the south.'

"But now that we have achieved our independence,' said a young man who had been quiet heretofore, 'and our country is united and ONE, we make it a point to bring north and south together in every possible way. But now the Americans in Sudan are trying to foment distrust and dislike between our country and other African States, particularly the United Arab Republic. We Sudanese have no quarrel with Egypt, and no hostility toward her. It is the Americans who fear Nasser.'

"His fellow-countrymen agreed.

"GENERAL ABOUD, they said, had managed his coup d'etat with only some of the top ranking officers of the army. The younger officers, and the rank and file of the army, and the majority of the people of the Sudan were not involved in the coup and do not support the new Government under Aboud. 'The Americans support it,' they said.

"But, they added with one voice, no Government in the Sudan will last, nor will it get support from the people, unless it follows a policy which protects the rights and interests of the people of The Sudan, and safeguards our independence.

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"Guatemala, South Korea, South Viet Nam, Iran, and now the Sudan. The list of American satellites continues to lengthen, even as the toe-hold becomes more precarious and desperate."

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

- "1. 'Cited as subversive and Communist.'
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)
- "3. 'Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)
- "4. 'Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of February 7, 1956.)"



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Robeson was born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, and has been self-employed as a concert singer and actor since approximately 1923. He maintains a residence at 16 Junel Terrace, New York City; however, subsequent to the issuance of his United States passport, Number 1145187, he traveled to Europe in July, 1958, and has since maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England. (u)

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Robeson has also been reported by several sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and by various publications to have been active throughout the years as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Some of these

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organizations are the Council on African Affairs; American Peace Crusade; American Youth for Democracy; China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated; Civil Rights Congress; National Negro Council; and National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims. In addition, Robeson has been reported to have been active as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous other Communist Party front organizations including such organizations as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Second World Peace Congress, and National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (u)

In addition, Robeson, who is often quoted in publications throughout the world, has frequently made public statements wherein he has been consistent in his praise of the Soviet Union and communist and related parties throughout the world. (u)

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In the case entitled [REDACTED] aka; IS-R",
NY file 100-103300, Bufile 100-401216, the Bureau by letter
to New York, dated 6/11/59, advised the following: (u)

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Inasmuch as the Bureau has instructed that the above information, obtained from [REDACTED] should not be disseminated outside the Bureau or set forth in any investigative report, it is not being incorporated in the details of this report. (u)

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In the case entitled, [REDACTED] ET AL; ESP-R; ISA of 1950". NY file 100-65568, Bufile 100-57453,

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The "Paul R.", mentioned [REDACTED] may have been PAUL LEROY ROBESON, however, since this is conjecture, it is not being included in the details of this report. (u)

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The 8/23/59 edition of the "London Sunday Times" carried a report over a statement made by ROBESON published in Budapest to the effect that ROBESON would ignore United States passport restrictions and visit China and Hungary in the coming months. The article was entitled "Robeson Defies Ban." (u)

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[REDACTED] information
was classified "Top Secret", it is not being included in the
details of this report. (u) b7D

It is to be noted that the aforementioned
information furnished [REDACTED] under a "Top Secret" b1
classification, has been included in the Cover Pages of this
report and not in the details, so that the classification of
the report may be kept "Confidential", which will make for
greater dissemination. (u)

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The sources used in the characterization of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) in the order of their appearance are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (C) (u)

The sources used in the characterization of the "China Daily News" in the order of their appearance are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (C) (u)

The source used to characterize the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist CP (POC) is [REDACTED] (C) (u)

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The sources used in the characterization of the United States Festival Committee in the order of their appearance are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (c)(u) b1

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At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US. (u)

Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (u)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) _____
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8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is not residing in the United States.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Bureau 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis:

ROBESON and wife continue to reside in United Kingdom, and in September, 1959, ROBESON was still under contract for appearances in stage production of "Othello". [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information concerning ROBESON's appearance at Seventh World Youth Festival, Vienna, Austria, set forth. ROBESON appeared at festival sponsored by "L'Humanite", French Communist Party newspaper, in Meudon, France. Information concerning promotion of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand" set forth. Information concerning ROBESON's visit to Budapest, Hungary, and to Rumania set forth. ROBESON was quoted in a Hungarian newspaper as saying that "by March I will visit China". In early February, 1960, ROBESON ended a 2½ week stay in Moscow, Russia.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence and Employment

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, the following is noted:

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945, but that she does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the CP. b7D

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On [REDACTED] advised that PAUL ROBESON, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, would be recontacted for the purpose of renewing his subscription for "The Worker". b7D

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

It is to be noted that ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe.

The column "New York Confidential" by LEE MORTIMER, which appeared in the New York "Daily Mirror" newspaper, dated August 27, 1959, contained the following:

"WHAT A WORLD (but where else can I go?):
Paul Robeson cheering for the 15th
Anniversary of Communist rule in Rumania."

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy
with CP Front Organizations

On [REDACTED] advised that on April 29, 1959, a memorial meeting was held under the sponsorship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) at New York Center, 227 West 46th Street, New York City, to honor the memory of the late THEODORE BAYER, who was an officer of the NCASF. [REDACTED] further advised that at this meeting a record, which had been made by PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, in England, was then played for the audience. [REDACTED] stated that in this record they both expressed their sympathy for the BAYER family and praised THEODORE BAYER for his work in the field. b7D

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of American-Soviet relations. [REDACTED] further stated that also included on the record were several memorial songs which were sung by PAUL ROBESON. b7D

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In connection with THEODORE BAYER, the following is noted:

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The "New York Times" Sunday edition, dated March 8, 1959, on page 87, reflected that THEODORE BAYER of 200 West 15th Street, New York City, Administrative Secretary for the last fifteen years of the NCASF, died on March 7, 1959, at the Memorial Center Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York City.

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C. Miscellaneous

On November 7, 1959, [REDACTED] made information available which reflected that on that date WILLIAM WEINSTONE addressing a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, which was being held in Room 11-B, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, made the following comments:

WILLIAM WEINSTONE stated he had just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union and added that PAUL ROBESON was a great cultural and political ambassador from the United States to the world. WEINSTONE had occasion to exchange greetings with ROBESON over the telephone during his, WEINSTONE's, recent European trip. While speaking to ROBESON over the telephone, ROBESON informed WEINSTONE that he was going to visit the Czechoslovak Army. WEINSTONE further advised that PAUL ROBESON was stirring Europe, and English comrades spoke with such love and affection of the role that he played in the big peace march where he spoke and sang in Trafalgar Square. English comrades told WEINSTONE of the British Broadcasting Company broadcast of the leading artists and cultural figures of England in a testimonial to PAUL ROBESON. WEINSTONE stated that ROBESON was an immense figure in Czechoslovakia and he brings the best of America to the peoples of Europe and in him they see the greatness of our country. WEINSTONE further stated that ROBESON is regarded not only as an anti-fascist, but as a militant fighter for Socialism. WEINSTONE added that from the standpoint of culture, what is important is the way people say not "give us an American song" but "give us a Paul Robeson song". WEINSTONE

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concluded by stating that the words he spoke in ROBESON's behalf is hardly justice to this great figure, our people's ambassador to Europe and the world.

In connection with WILLIAM WEINSTONE, the following is noted:

"The Worker", issue of January 17, 1960, on page 14, identified WILLIAM WEINSTONE as a member of the New York State CP Committee. *U.S. State*

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In connection with [REDACTED] the following is noted: b7c

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A characterization of the CCASF is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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In [REDACTED] advised that on August 1, 1959, at the Seventh World Youth Festival, which was held in Vienna, Austria, from July 26, 1959 to August 4, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, SR. appeared at a meeting of the delegates, spoke a few words complaining of a sore throat, and sang approximately five songs. [REDACTED] further advised that PAUL ROBESON, SR. was enthusiastically received and acclaimed.

The United States Festival Committee sent delegates to the above-mentioned Seventh World Youth Festival.

A characterization of the United States Festival Committee appears in the appendix of this report.

On [REDACTED] advised that he learned that United States youth at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, were most impressed by the Paul Robeson Peace Rally held at the festival.

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On [REDACTED] advised that he learned that PAUL ROBESON sang several songs at a rally at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, one of which was a Chinese lullaby, which aroused cheers from the Chinese delegation.

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NY T-13, a confidential source abroad, advised in August, 1959, that an Associated Press dispatch from Vienna, Austria, under the date August 4, 1959, reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "Restriction of Negro Rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, advised on August 13, 1959, that the August 11, 1959 issue of "L'Humanite", a French CP newspaper, contained an article which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear at the festival of "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, in the near future. This article also indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, had not visited France in ten years. This article further indicated that PAUL ROBESON's acceptance of "L'Humanite's" invitation to appear at this festival indicated his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

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NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, also advised on September 11, 1959, that the September 5, 1959, issue of "L'Humanite" contained an article which described ROBESON's arrival at Orly Airport, Paris, France, on September 4, 1959. This article stated that ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the CP of France, were present among others at the airport to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article in part concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. In concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common.

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The September 21, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" on page 12, carried an article in the "Spectator" column, entitled "Great Day for Meudon". This article

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related to PAUL ROBESON's attendance at the festival sponsored by the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, on September 5, 1959. This article stated that some 50,000 people were in attendance at this festival to see and hear ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON sang "Waterboy", "Cuatros Generales", "Old Man River", "John Brown's Body" and the Soviet "Song of the Partisans". The article reflected that ROBESON talked to the spectators "about music and wine and peace, about China and France and America, about Shakespeare and Racine, about history and the future. He said a few words in French, switched over to English, sang Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' in German, sang a little Chinese song, explained the humor of a delightful Yiddish song on his program, and just before the end, recited a poem in beautiful ~~sonorous~~ Russian."

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix of this report.

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In connection with [REDACTED] the following is noted:

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An additional characterization of the CPA is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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In connection with [REDACTED] the following is noted:

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, United States of America (CP,USA), held December 10, 1959 through December 13, 1959, in New York City, PAUL ROBESON, JR. was elected to the National Committee of the CP,USA.

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On [REDACTED] made information available which reflected that PAUL ROBERSON, 66 Jumel Terr., telephone number WA 7-7754, was known to [REDACTED]

In connection with [REDACTED] the following is noted:

On April 17, 1959, [REDACTED] advised that on April 17, 1959, KENNETH BRUTON was elected Chairman of the New York Steering Committee of the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist CP (POC).

A characterization of the POC appears in the appendix of this report.

Regarding [REDACTED] the following is noted:

The September 9, 1949 edition of the "China Daily News" contained an article datelined Shanghai,

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September 8, Associated Press, entitled "Paul Robeson Invited to Visit Communist China". This article reflected that after the concert, given by PAUL ROBESON, was "raided by the mobs" on August 27, the Red Chinese Literary Workers' Association and the Musical Workers' Association telegraphed ROBESON their sympathy and consolation and asked him to visit Communist China.

A characterization of the "China Daily News" appears in the appendix of this report.

The above referred to incident occurred at Peekskill, New York, on August 27, 1949, and is described as follows:

On August 27, 1949, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a riot had occurred in the evening of that date at a benefit show put on by PAUL ROBESON for the Harlem Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), and under the auspices of People's Artists, Inc. This concert was held at Lakeland Acres near Peekskill, New York. According to [REDACTED] ROBESON started to speak and a brick was thrown by an individual in a veteran's group which was picketing the meeting. Violence then broke out and resulted in injuries to several supporters of ROBESON. b7
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[REDACTED] advised in [REDACTED] that the Peekskill disorder on August 27, 1949, was the outgrowth of a concert given by singer PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] further advised that this concert was held under the auspices of the Harlem Chapter of the CRC. b7
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A characterization of People's Artists, Inc. is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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A characterization of the World Peace Council appears in the appendix of this report.

III. PROMOTION OF THE SALE OF PAUL
LEROY ROBESON'S BOOK "HERE I STAND"

On [REDACTED] furnished information which reflected that at a mass rally of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which was held on Sunday, July 19, 1959, at the Polo Grounds, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, copies of ROBESON's book "Here I Stand" were being sold.

On [REDACTED] furnished information which reflected that the CP distributed literature at a mass rally of the NAACP, which was held on Sunday, July 19, 1959, at the Polo Grounds, New York City, and attempts were also made by the CP to sell the subject's book "Here I Stand".

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On [REDACTED] advised that the New England District CP, USA had worked on selling PAUL ROBESON's book "Here I Stand".

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It is to be noted that "Here I Stand" was published by Othello Associates, Incorporated.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES ABROAD

On August 21, 1959, the United States Department of State, American Legation, Budapest, Hungary, advised that the Hungarian newspaper "Esti Hirlap" on August 21, 1959, carried an interview with PAUL ROBESON, in which ROBESON stated that "by March I will visit China".

On September 1, 1959, the United States Department of State, American Legation, Budapest, Hungary, furnished a translation of an article which appeared in the August 22, 1959, issue of the Hungarian newspaper "Nepszabadsag", which related to the visit of the subject to Budapest, Hungary, on August 20, 1959. This article was captioned, "'Those Are in Majority Who Want Peace' - An Interview with Paul Robeson Passing Through Budapest", and it read as follows:

"Paul Robeson, the world-famous singer who has been decorated with the International Lenin Peace Medal, spent a few hours in Budapest on Thursday on his way to the Rumanian People's Republic. In the company of Leb DENES, Vice-President

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of the Institute for Cultural Relations, he drove along the capital. Vasile POGAGEANU, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Rumanian People's Republic, was present too. Paul Robeson sang a few songs on the stage of the open-air theater on the Margaret Island at the request of the crowd that surrounded him spontaneously. He then gave the following interview to a correspondent of the Hungarian Telegraphic Bureau: 'For ten years I was a captive in my own country. I was not allowed to go abroad, I was impeded from meeting the European fighters of the world's peace movement. In the course of the ten years I received a number of letters and messages also from Hungarians and the affection and sympathy emanating from their writings fortified me. I was especially touched when I received the present of the Hungarian Radio, the records of a radio play performed by Hungarian children about my childhood. I very well know that the honest people of the world, and among them the Hungarian workers, helped me immensely to get back my passport and thus to accept the thousands of invitations reaching me from all parts of the world. Now when I am spending a very short time in Budapest, I feel the same affection and friendship present in the letters and messages sent to me in the course of my isolation. Next week I am coming back for a few hours and in autumn for a few days. Next spring I shall spend four or five weeks in the country giving recitals. I come back though it has been stamped in my passport: "Not Valid for Hungary". Nor is my passport valid for the Chinese People's Republic. Still, I am here and I shall come back many more times and shall visit China too. I intend to spend six months of every twelve in the socialist countries, in the Soviet Union and the people's democratic countries. Only six months, because the rest of the time I want to meet the peace fighters of the capitalist countries. Recently 25,000 people gathered in Trafalgar Square to attend a peace meeting where I spoke. Its reverberations have been considerable not only in Britain, but also in the United States. The argument used by the State Department of the United States throughout the past ten years was that I was not an artist, so I had no reason to travel abroad. Now they have been given a telling answer. I was the first American in London to play Shakesperean roles. I had success there as an artist.'

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"Paul Robeson then spoke about his programs in Rumania, Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, the Soviet Union, etc. In Bucharest he is going to attend a conference on folk-music. The West is now much propagating a new type of individualistic music, discarding traditions and classical music. The apostles of this new music forget that music is rooted in the people and speaks to the people. The greatest composers, like Enescu, Mussorgsky, Bartok, fully realized that. Robeson wishes to sing Bartok in the course of his performances in Hungary. Finally he said: 'I am very optimistic about the future because those are in majority - Americans, English, Russians, the peace-loving people of the world - who are against war and who want peace'."

The United States Department of State, American Legation, Bucharest, Rumania, made information available on September 3, 1959, which reflected that prior to leaving Rumania, on August 24, 1959, PAUL ROBESON was quoted in the press in an interview as stating that, starting this year he hoped to "live six months in each of the people's democracies". He said he would first return to Great Britain to play in "Othello" on September 1, 1959, and would attend a festival honoring "L'Humanite" in Paris, France, on September 4, 1959, and would come to Rumania in November, 1959, where he would remain, at least in the beginning, for about two months. He said he would then travel to the Soviet Union and to Hungary.

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The February 8, 1960, edition of the "New York Post" on page 51, carried an article datelined February 8, 1960, Moscow, entitled "Robeson Ends Moscow Visit". This article reflected that singer PAUL ROBESON bid farewell to Moscow yesterday after a two and a half week stay in the Soviet capital. According to this article, before leaving for London, ROBESON stated he has always hoped to return to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and is proud of Soviet achievements.

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AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION

According to records of the New York County Clerk, Amtorg Trading Corporation is a New York corporation formed in 1924. It has acted since then as a buying and selling agency in the United States for the Soviet Government. Since 1949, it has been registered with the Department of Justice under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

[REDACTED] made available in [REDACTED] the
"First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which
stated that the CCASF was incorporated in July, 1943.
This document stated "the council's affiliation with the
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated
August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform
to standard national practice. It should be noted, however,
that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the govern-
ment of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of the
Chicago Executive Board".

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A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an
Executive Committee meeting of the CCASF an officer of the
organization stated that the aim of the council was peaceful
coexistence and friendship with the USSR.

A second source advised on May 1, 1958, that the
CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of
propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange
with the USSR. This source advised that even though the
CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of this group are
frequently in contact with and its program follows that of the
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF).

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CHINA DAILY NEWS

A confidential source advised on May 8, 1959, that the "China Daily News" (CDN) was founded in 1940 by a group of Chinese Communists and that the persons who controlled its policies from then to the present time have all been known to him as Chinese Communist leaders within the Chinese Communist movement in the New York area. This source advised that to his knowledge, the CDN has followed the official Communist Party line in its editorial policies from its founding to the present time.

Another confidential source advised on May 5, 1959, that the CDN follows the communist line in its editorial policies and that most of its news items are derived from communist news sources. This individual also stated that the CDN selects and writes up news in a manner favorable to Communist China and other communist countries. The source stated that this publication is the propaganda organ for the Chinese Communists in the United States.

On February 16, 1955, the CDN paid a fine of \$25,000.00, and EUGENE MOY, its former managing editor, who died on December 14, 1958, began serving a one-year prison sentence after their conviction in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, for a violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act, in connection with the paper's printing of advertisements for Chinese Communist banks which sought to induce Chinese in the United States to send money to Communist China.

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COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION (CPA)
(May 1944 to July 1945)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Communist Political Association (May 1944 to July 1945):

1. Cited as a "subversive", "Communist" organization which sought "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

(Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 21, 1948.)

2. " * * * after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons, the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 209 on "The Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power," April 1, 1947, p.29; also cited in House Report 1694 on "Organized Communism in the United States," May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, pp. 114 and 120, and House Report 2244 on "The Communist Conspiracy," Part I, Section E, May 29, 1956, p. 3.)

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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PEOPLES ARTISTS, INC.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Peoples Artists, Inc.:

"Peoples Artists, Inc.

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392)."

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PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A
MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC);
also known as Provisional Organizing Committee
for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist
Party; Provisional Committee for the
Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist
Communist Party; Provisional Committee to
Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA

The September, 1958, issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard," which is self identified as being published by the "Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party," contains an article on page 1 entitled "Communist Conference" which reflects that a conference was held in New York City, August 16 and 17, 1958, "to guarantee the survival of Marxism-Leninism in the USA." At this conference a call was issued for the formation of a "Provisional Organizing Committee for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist Party."

In the same issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard" there is contained "A Declaration" which reads in part:

"Therefore, we of the Marxist-Leninist caucus of the old Party, having met in a national conference on August 16th - 17th, 1958, have constituted ourselves as a Provisional Committee for the Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party."

The October, 1958, issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard" on page 1 contains an article entitled, "5 Questions" which stated, "our aim is to forge ahead in our movement, and later, join in a constitutional convention with any other movement which is fighting for the creation of a genuine Communist vanguard party."

A source advised on January 5, 1959, that the organization known as the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA, is also known as the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

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U. S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U. S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria, during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April, 1959, that the U. S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

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WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the World Peace Council:

1. Cited as having been formed at the conclusion of the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw and which was heralded by the Moscow radio as "the expression of the determination of the peoples to take into their own hands the struggle for peace."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 378 on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 38.)

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Date March 25, 1960

To

☒ Director

FILE # Bureau 100-12304

Att.

Title PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka.i.

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Attached are amended pages E-1 and E-2 to be placed in Cover Pages of report and amended pages 2, 7, 8, 9, 18, and 19 to be placed in details of report.

Also:

On Cover Page C, par. 3, line 1, date is 11/16/59.

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NY 100-25857

New York, New York

March 8, 1960

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at New York, dated and captioned as above. b7c

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in a position to furnish reliable information.

[REDACTED] has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. b7D

The sources used to characterize the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the "China Daily News", the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, and the United States Festival Committee, have [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence and Employment

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON,
the following is noted:

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that ESLANDA
ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in
1945, but that she does not hold herself out
as a Communist and denies membership in the CP. b7D

The CP has been designated by the Attorney
General of the United States pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

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A characterization of the World Peace Council appears in the appendix of this report.

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NY T-13, a confidential source abroad, advised in August, 1959, that an Associated Press dispatch from Vienna, Austria, under the date August 4, 1959, reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "Restriction of Negro Rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, advised on August 13, 1959, that the August 11, 1959 issue of "L'Humanite", a French CP newspaper, contained an article which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear at the festival of "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, in the near future. This article also indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, had not visited France in ten years. This article further indicated that PAUL ROBESON's acceptance of "L'Humanite's" invitation to appear at this festival indicated his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

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NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, also advised on September 11, 1959, that the September 5, 1959, issue of "L'Humanite" contained an article which described ROBESON's arrival at Orly Airport, Paris, France, on September 4, 1959. This article stated that ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the CP of France, were present among others at the airport to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article in part concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. In concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common. (A)

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The September 21, 1959 issue of the "National Guardian" on page 12, carried an article in the "Spectator" column, entitled "Great Day for Meudon". This article

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"Paul Robeson then spoke about his programs in Rumania, Bulgaria, the German Democratic Republic, the Soviet Union, etc. In Bucharest he is going to attend a conference on folk-music. The West is now much propagating a new type of individualistic music, discarding traditions and classical music. The apostles of this new music forget that music is rooted in the people and speaks to the people. The greatest composers, like Enescu, Mussorgsky, Bartok, fully realized that. Robeson wishes to sing Bartok in the course of his performances in Hungary. Finally he said: 'I am very optimistic about the future because those are in majority - Americans, English, Russians, the peace-loving people of the world - who are against war and who want peace.'"

The United States Department of State, American Legation, Bucharest, Rumania, made information available on September 3, 1959, which reflected that prior to leaving Rumania, on August 24, 1959, PAUL ROBESON was quoted in the press in an interview as stating that, starting this year he hoped to "live six months in each of the people's democracies". He said he would first return to Great Britain to play in "Othello" on September 1, 1959, and would attend a festival honoring "L'Humanite" in Paris, France, on September 4, 1959, and would come to Rumania in November, 1959, where he would remain, at least in the beginning, for about two months. He said he would then travel to the Soviet Union and to Hungary.

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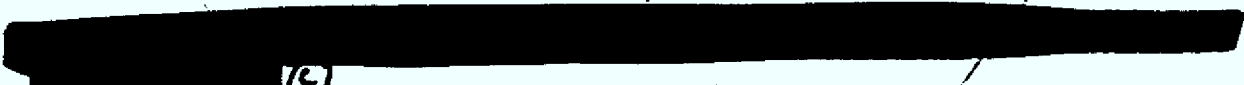
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The February 8, 1960 edition of the "New York Post" on page 51, carried an article datelined February 8, 1960, Moscow, entitled "Robeson Ends Moscow Visit". This article reflected that singer PAUL ROBESON bid farewell to Moscow yesterday after a two and a half week stay in the Soviet capital. According to this article, before leaving for London, ROBESON stated he has always hoped to return to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and is proud of Soviet achievements.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) ~~TOP SECRET~~ DATE: March 8, 1960

FROM : Legat, London (100-2182)

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Re New York letter to the Bureau 1-27-60. (u)

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This case is being placed in an RUC status subject to being reopened upon receipt of additional information. (u)

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RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 5/11/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka.
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(OO: New York)

The following is set forth for the information of the Bureau:

On 4/21/60, [REDACTED] (protect by T symbol), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

[REDACTED] one PHIL ROBINSON, [REDACTED] stated that his wife, HALOIS MOOREHEAD ROBINSON, is currently in a hospital in Moscow, Russia, where she shares a room with ESLANDA ROBESON. N.Y.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
 FROM : Legat, London (100-1182)

DATE: May 27, 1960

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On 5/24/60 Mr. WALTER M. WALSH, American Consul, United States Embassy, London, advised that PAUL ROBESON appeared at the Embassy to make application for a new passport and while at the Embassy submitted an affidavit concerning his travel in August, 1959, to Hungary. It is noted that Hungary is an area prohibited to American travelers except by special permission. ROBESON's statement is contained in memorandum the original and four copies of which are enclosed. This affidavit was witnessed by Mr. WALSH on May 17, 1960. (u)

Since ROBESON wished to remain in the United Kingdom until September, 1960, this also forced him to appear at the American Embassy to make application for his passport and to answer questions the State Department wished to ask him about his travel to Hungary. It should also be noted that the American Embassy, London, has tried repeatedly since late 1959 to get ROBESON to come to the Embassy to answer these questions. (c)

As subject continues to reside in the United Kingdom and his status is not yet decided by either the State Department or the Bureau, this case is maintained in a pending status and the Bureau will be further advised. (u)

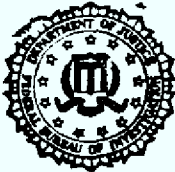
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May 27, 1960

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Re: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

The following is a statement given by ROBESON in the form of an affidavit, subscribed and sworn to before American Consul WALTER M. WALSH at the American Embassy, London, on May 17, 1960.

"I, PAUL ROBESON, was born at Princeton, New Jersey on April 9, 1898. I am the holder of American passport 1145187 issued to me by the Department of State, Washington on June 25, 1958.

"In August 1959, I travelled to Bucharest to fulfill engagements there. I travelled from Amsterdam on a KLM Dutch Airliner to Budapest, where I had to change planes as the plane I was travelling on was going to Turkey. I was at Budapest Airport for no more than 3 hours during which time a reporter from a newspaper or radio (I cannot remember which) interviewed me. I was asked if I would come to Hungary and sing, I said I would like to very much. I also said that I would be coming back again next week, as at that time it was my belief I would have to change planes again in Budapest. I also stated that I hoped to come back again one day for recitals. I made this statement knowing that Olympic athletes and a lawyer whom I know personally and many other people had been granted permission to travel in Hungary, and it was my intention to make application to the Department of State, for travel to Hungary at some future date, had the ban not been lifted. I would also like to add that whilst I was waiting at the Airport in Budapest, word got around that I was there, and I was taken on a tour of the City.

"With regard to the statement supposed to have been made by me that I would visit China in March. I have never said that. I may have said that I would like to visit China at some future date, and would probably make application to the Department of State for permission to do so. I could not have travelled to China in March even if I had wanted too as I had commitments in Great Britain. I would like to state that the reporter who interviewed me could not speak English and the interpreter did not speak English at all well."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 6/16/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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FROM :

SUBJECT:

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/16/59,
at New York and WFO letter to New York, dated 5/24/60. (u)

3 copies of instant letter are designated
for the Bureau for dissemination to the Legat London,
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Confidential sources utilized in the characterization
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Es. F. Cordozo Robeson

U.S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U.S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April 1959, that the U.S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

The confidential sources used to characterize the United States Festival Committee have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/16/60

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6246)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

The June 10, 1960 issue of the San Juan Dairy, [redacted], related that subject was scheduled to "open" at the Flamboyant Club, in San Juan on July 1, 1960. b7c

In view of [redacted] background he will not be interviewed at this time to determine the source of his information concerning the subject.

San Juan is alerting informants and will follow the activities of the subject should he actually appear in San Juan.

New York is requested to furnish background information which would be of assistance to San Juan's investigation, and to advise of subject's departure from New York.

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Sac, San Juan (100-6246)

June 27, 1960

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re San Juan letter 6/16/60, copies of which were forwarded to New York.

For San Juan's information, Robeson, who is a Security Index subject, was still residing in London, England, as of late May. He recently attempted to obtain an extension of stay in the United Kingdom and to get his United States passport extended. No decision has been made by [REDACTED] the State Department regarding Robeson's attempts in this respect. Neither London nor New York has forwarded any information regarding a possible appearance on the part of Robeson in Puerto Rico. From available facts, it does not appear that subject anticipates appearing in Puerto Rico in the near future. b7I

London and New York continue to furnish any pertinent information regarding subject's activities or future plans.

For the information of London and New York, [REDACTED] has an unsavory background and is reputed to be somewhat of a "con man." Thus, San Juan does not anticipate contact with him in order to corroborate his story regarding Robeson's appearance in San Juan. b7C

- 2 - London (100-1182) (Enclosure)
- 2 - New York (100-82557)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By relet San Juan advised that according to "San Juan Diary" Robeson is scheduled to appear at a night club in San Juan as of 7/1/60. Facts available do not support this story. San Juan requested New York to forward pertinent information and verify departure from New York. Subject residing in England. Copy of relet enclosed for London.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 6/24/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-6346)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C
(OO: New York)

Re San Juan letter to Director, 6/16/60.

Relet advised that information was received at San Juan that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to "open" at the Flamboyant, in San Juan, on 7/1/60.

NYO has no information re the above announcement. PAUL ROBESON is currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London, England, and was recently employed as an actor, playing the role of OTHELLO at Stratford - Upon - Avon, England. In addition he has traveled in Austria, Rumania, Hungary and Russia. He was born on 4/9/98, at Princeton, NJ, and holds American Passport 1145187 issued by the Department of State on 6/25/58.

San Juan is requested to advise the NYO of any additional information received re subject's visit to San Juan.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6246)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
OO: New York

Re San Juan letter 6/16/60.

[REDACTED] Flamboyant Club, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised 6/29/60 that subject is not identical with ROBESON who will open at Flamboyant Night Club from 7/1/60.

Discontinue.

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: July 18, 1960
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The July 4, 1960, issue of l'Humanite, the French daily Communist Party newspaper, indicated that the Communist festival held each year sponsored by Humanite is presently being planned. It indicated that considerable trouble is being experienced in finding a suitable place since the government has failed to approve four sites thus far proposed. The article indicated that PAUL ROBESON who was the chief performer at the last rally held in September 1959, has promised to participate in this year's activities. (u)

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We will continue to follow this. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7/27/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C
(00:NY)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies and for New York 2 copies of a letterhead memo concerning subject's application for a renewal of passport. ←

This information was furnished SA [REDACTED] on 7/22/60, by [REDACTED] Legal Division, Passport Office. b7c

[REDACTED] advised that the American Embassy was authorized to renew this passport and was requested to advise the Department of State when the passport is renewed and of the subject's travel plans. ↓

When this information is made available Bureau and New York will be advised.

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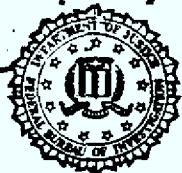
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July 27, 1960

**PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY-C**

On July 22, 1960, the file maintained by the Passport Office, United States Department of State, for Paul Leroy Robeson disclosed that on May 17, 1960, Robeson applied for a renewal of his passport, number 1145187, which was issued on June 25, 1958.

He gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and his current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

On July 14, 1960, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew Robeson's passport.

No additional information is contained in this file.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: July 26, 1960

FROM : Legat, London (100-1182)(100-1666)

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"PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS - C," 5-27-60. (u)

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Mr. WALTER WALSH, American Consul, Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on July 25, 1960, that authority has just been received from the State Department, Washington, to issue him a new passport. The British Home Office has been reluctant to grant PAUL and his wife a further stay in the United Kingdom until such time as PAUL obtained a valid travel document. It appears the new passport will be issued shortly, therefore the British Home Office will voice no opposition to have PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON remain in the United Kingdom.

(c)

As there are no further leads outstanding at this time these cases are being placed in an RUC status subject to being reopened on receipt of additional information. (u)

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From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Date: September 1, 1960
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris letter 8/16/60. (u)

Enclosed herewith for the completion of Bureau files is a photograph of the subject which appeared in "L'Humanite," the French daily Communist Party newspaper, on 9/1/60. (u)

The subject, according to this paper, will take part in the annual Communist Party festival, which is sponsored by "L'Humanite," on 9/4-5/60 at La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris. (u)

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Additional data developed in this matter will be furnished to the Bureau and Legat, London. (u)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure
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Mr. PAUL HOYLEN, Consul, American Embassy, London, advised that ROBESON's passport expires in June, 1960, and that the Embassy upon instructions from the Department of State, Washington, have sent numerous communications to subject requesting that he answer certain questions about his travel to Hungary in order that they can further decide whether to renew his passport. Mr. HOYLEN stated as of April 8, 1960, no answer has been received from subject regarding this matter. (u)

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It appears the new passport will be issued shortly.

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Will continue to follow and report his
activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (u)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)  (C)
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is not residing in the US.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960.
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning
the return of ROBESON to the US. (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Subject celebrated May Day - 1960, in Edinburgh, Scotland and spoke to a group of Scottish miners; participated in the "third annual press festival" in East Berlin on June 18, 1960, sponsored by the East German CP. An article written by PAUL ROBESON about his trip to Russia appeared in "Narodna Volya" edition of February 26, 1960. Subject scheduled to appear at the L'Humanite festival in France on September 4, 1960, sponsored by the French Communist Party newspaper L'Humanite and also scheduled to appear in Brest, France on September 6, 1960, at another Communist festival.

[REDACTED] Worker article of February 7, 1960, describes visit of ROBESON to Moscow. Information indicates ROBESON plans tour to Australia and New Zealand. ROBESON's passport renewed July 14, 1960.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, the following is noted:

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945, but that she does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE CP MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

The United States Department of State, American Legation, Edinburgh, Scotland, made information available on May 3, 1960, which reflected that PAUL ROBESON was at the annual "Gala Day" assembly of the Scottish Miners N.U.M.

This information reflected that the Scottish Miners of the N.U.M. celebrated May Day with their annual "Gala Day" parade and picnic held in the grounds of Holyrood Park. An estimated 20,000 people attended, including a delegation of thirty Russian miners.

PAUL ROBESON was in the front rank of the parade sharing honors with the MOFFATT brothers (well known Communist leaders of the Scottish miners) and with WILLIAM PAYNTER, General Secretary of the N.U.M. Following the parade at the large open air assembly area ROBESON sang and addressed the gathering.

The main theme of the parade, as evidenced by banners and floats was racial discrimination in Africa and there was some moderate display of protest banners on the nuclear bomb. As always the parade and assembly were orderly and after the speech making was finished the crowd settled down to picnicking on the grounds.

ROBESON was not separately interviewed by the press and received about the same attention from it as would any featured speaker at such a gathering.

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The "Scotsman" the Edinburgh daily newspaper gave the above occasion little coverage. However, the "Evening News" of Edinburgh gave some prominence to ROBESON's attendance at the miners' Gala and states that he received a great ovation from thousands of miners and their families when he reaffirmed his friendship for the Soviet Union. After quoting ABE MOFFAT's tribute to ROBESON "this great man, this great artist, and this great fighter for freedom" the following excerpts from ROBESON's speech are featured:-

"You have made, and are making, such a fine contribution to the struggles of this land. You will need all the strength you have got to see that you who create the wealth of the country have a chance to enjoy it.

"I have been very close to the miners and the workers of the Soviet Union. On this historic day and at this historic time we must find peace and friendship in the world, and how wonderful it is to find here these representatives of the arts and the people of the U.S.S.R. joining in this gala. I am intensely proud. I have been and always will be a firm and unswerving friend of the Soviet people and people from Soviet lands.

"My people, my father, my relatives were hewers of wood and drawers of water all over the Western world. To-day again, we are seeing it is time for us to live a new life, a time to free the land again."

The "Evening Dispatch" gave the most prominent coverage with a feature picture on the front page, showing ROBESON surrounded by miners. The same excerpts from his speech are quoted in this paper.

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On June 23, 1960, the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., furnished information concerning the subject in connection with his "Support of Soviet Zone Regime". This information reflected that

"After having previously indicated, over a period of several years, an intention to visit East Germany, American singer Paul Robeson arrived in East Berlin June 18 to participate in the 'third annual press festival,' sponsored by Neues Deutschland, official organ of the East German communist party (Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands, or SED). He appeared the same evening as featured artist during the ceremonies officially opening the festival, held a press conference the next day, appeared on a large public platform and mingled with the crowd (closely accompanied by East German photographers and TV cameramen) and left later (June 19) by air for London.

"Although the formal opening of the 'press festival' June 18 included a number of entertainers from various countries, Robeson was clearly the honored guest-performer. Master of ceremonies was Hermann Axen, chief editor of Neues Deutschland and a member of the SED Politburo; other top level SED officials included representatives of the Central Committee, and notably Paul Verner (SED official well known for his close association with the current communist pressure on West Berlin). Robeson, introduced as 'comrade' and as 'our great friend and model', told the audience that, since his father had been an American slave, he (Paul) was proud to have the opportunity to meet the 'socialist press of the whole world' and to be a member of the World Peace Council. His musical contribution to the occasion ended with a rendition, in the Russian language, of 'Fatherland, no enemy shall threaten you.'"

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" The following day, June 19, ROBESON was escorted on a highly publicized tour of the street 'festival' area and was particularly associated with children who, according to the East press, were deeply impressed by his 'countenance on which were deeply etched goodness and the love of humanity.' He then held a press conference in which he revealed that his visit fulfilled a promise he had made to East German representatives at the Vienna Youth Festival in 1959. ROBESON gave the reporters some biographic notes, with particular reference to

- A. His close association with 'the British workers movement' 1928-1940;
- B. Participation in the Spanish Civil War;
- C. His first visit to Berlin in 1934 while enroute to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR);
- D. An 'eight year period of perscution by American officials' during which he was unable to obtain a passport.

" When questioned about future plans, ROBESON said he will make a series of records for the British Broadcasting Company soon and, in the autumn, will leave the United Kingdom for a lengthy visit to 'several socialist countries', including another visit to "the German Democratic Republic" in August or October. However, he also plans to return to the United States where he will make appearances "principally before Negroes and workers, using halls located in workers ' residential areas."

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"ROBESON's appearance in East Berlin during the recent 'press festival' probably had little influence on the East German population which has ample reason to recognize that a man who shares a public platform with Politburo members of the SED in a propaganda extravaganza is hardly a typical American citizen. On the other hand, East German exploitation of ROBESON's appearance, particularly through GDR contacts in Asia and Africa, may well be more successful. With reference to ROBESON's statement that he may visit the GDR again in August or October, it will be recalled that East Germany's 'national day' is October 7."

The following article, which has been translated from the Russian, appeared in the February 26, 1960 edition of the "Narodna Volya", a Bulgarian language weekly newspaper published at Detroit, Michigan. The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) cited "Narodna Volya" as a publication which may be safely considered as the organ, in the Bulgarian language, of the CP.

In this article, ROBESON describes "his great happiness upon returning to the Soviet Union. The diligence and the progress made by the Soviet people has earned them the esteem of the entire world."

Then, ROBESON compares "the waste and the unproductive use of the energy of the people in the West to the Soviet Union where everything is utilized and where everybody works to the best of his ability. The only hope there is for the West is a basic change. This change might come soon. The call of the Soviet Government to decrease armed forces to destroy the means to wage war and to exclude war from the life of the society cannot be treated with indifference."

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" The peaceful Soviet call for economic competition must lead, and I am convinced that it will, to a considerable transformation in the economy of the other countries. The West will have to take decisive steps in this direction. Peaceful competition has already started, it is real fact. Millions of people in many countries recognize the fact that they owe extremely much to the Soviet People. They have a feeling of gratitude toward them and wish them the best of success in the cause of building communism."

The July 4, 1960 issue of "L'Humanite", the French daily CP newspaper, indicated that the Communist festival held each year sponsored by Humanite is presently being planned. It indicated that considerable trouble is being experienced in finding a suitable place since the government has failed to approve four sites thus far proposed. The article indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who was the chief performer at the last rally held in September, 1959, has promised to participate in this year's activities.

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B. Miscellaneous

[REDACTED] furnished information on March 30, 1960, which indicated that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., has access to the apartment of PAUL ROBESON at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and occasionally utilizes this apartment for his work. b1

It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe, and still considers it as his legal residence. b7D

"The Worker", an east coast Communist, weekly newspaper, in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The Worker" in its edition of February 7, 1960, page 5, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL and ESLANDE ROBESON on the occasion of their arrival in Moscow, Russia. The article stated that the "news spread like wildfire through this city of five million. Paul has wound up his appearances in 'Othello', and is looking forward to resuming his half-hour lecture-concerts for BBC, which are enormously popular and brought thousands of fan letters".


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Mr. PAUL HOYLEN, Consul, American Embassy, London, advised that ROBESON's passport expires in June, 1960, and that the Embassy upon instructions from the Department of State, Washington, have sent numerous communications to subject requesting that he answer certain questions about his travel to Hungary in order that they can further decide whether to renew his passport. Mr. HOYLEN stated as of April 8, 1960, no answer has been received from subject regarding this matter.

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Mr. Walter M. Walsh, American Consul,
~~United States Department of State, American Legat,~~ On May 24, 1960, ~~the United States Department of State, American Legat,~~ London, England, advised that PAUL ROBESON appeared at the embassy to make application for a new passport and while at the embassy, submitted an affidavit concerning his travel in August, 1959, to Hungary. The following is the statement given by ROBESON in the form of an affidavit subscribed and sworn to before American Consul, WALTER M. WALSH.

"I. PAUL ROBESON, was born at Princeton, New Jersey on April 9, 1898. I am the holder of American passport 1145187 issued to me by the Department of State, Washington on June 25, 1958.

"In August 1959, I travelled to Bucharest to fulfill engagements there. I travelled from Amsterdam on a KLM Dutch Airliner to Budapest, where I had to change planes as the plane I was travelling on was going to Turkey. I was at Budapest Airport for no more than 3 hours during which time a reporter from a newspaper or radio (I cannot remember which) interviewed me. I was asked if I would come to Hungary and sing, I said I would like to very much. I also said that I would be coming back again next week, as at that time it was my belief I would have to change planes again in Budapest. I also stated that I ~~hoped~~ to come back again one day for recitals. I made this statement knowing that Olympic athletes and a lawyer whom I know personally and many other people had been granted permission to travel in Hungary, and it was my intention to make application to the Department of State, for travel to Hungary at some future date, had the ban not been lifted. I would also like to add that whilst I was waiting at the Airport in Budapest, word got around that I was there, and I was taken on a tour of the City.

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"With regard to the statement supposed to have been made by me that I would visit China in March. I have never said that. I may have said that I would like to visit China at some future date, and would probably make application to the Department of State for permission to do so. I could not have travelled to China in March, even if I had wanted too as I had commitments in Great Britain. I would like to state that the reporter who interviewed me could not speak English and the interpreter did not speak English at all well."

The Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised on July 22, 1960, that PAUL LEROY ROBESON on May 17, 1960, applied for a renewal of his passport number 1145187, which was issued on June 25, 1958.

On July 14, 1960, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew ROBESON's passport.

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September 7, 1960

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John H. Sheahan, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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XXX Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)
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Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Attached is the translation which you requested to London.
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The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative
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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

PAUL L. ROBESON

L'Humanité (GEORGES LEON) September 2, 1960

"So glad to see you" PAUL ROBESON (in English and in French).

PAUL ROBESON is coming today. He will sing tomorrow. We are going to welcome him presently, glad and proud to find him faithful to the rendezvous he had made with us a year ago, when he left Paris after his triumph in Meudon.

When he boarded the airplane which was to take him away, PAUL ROBESON said goodbye in these words:

"Friends, please know ^{what} this unforgettable day has moved me deeply. My meeting with the people of Paris, with the representatives of all the French provinces, takes on a great importance in my eyes. I have just had a fraternal contact with France. I am glad of it as an artist, but also and especially as a man, as a militant. Friends, I am convinced that never again now, when I shall come back, will I feel ~~like~~ as a stranger in this country. So long. Thank you. Will be seeing you soon again."

PAUL ROBESON is coming back and a fine day will rise when we, all of us, shall be before him to hear him and to thank him for being what he is, for being here, just so!

For a year, living in England, going around Europe, PAUL ROBESON has been fighting the good fight for justice and brotherhood, with music as his weapon and his eloquence as his strategy. He has kept on the way on which earlier he made up his mind to engage, without changing anything in his habits and without denying any of his convictions or of his certitudes. We will find him again as we left him last year in Meudon. With new songs.

PAUL ROBESON's art is so intimately bound up with his way of life that one cannot speak of him without recalling at once the great problems of our time.

TRANSLATED BY:
EDWARD P. ARBEZ: dsw
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He is always there where witnessing is necessary, ready for the struggle, open to friendship. When he sings, he is a tribune, and when he addresses those come to hear him, he is now, fully, an artist.

An Exemplary Life

Remember the words he said as a greeting. Have you forgotten the 'bronze' "good day" which he threw at us last year when the welcoming band became silent before him?

So it is always, in Stockholm, in London, or in Moscow. Sometime ago in Peekskill, at a famous meeting which turned loose against him the stupid fury of racism. He says and sings aloud what he thinks and he grants nothing.

The life of this artist and of this man is exemplary in every respect, as far back as it can be followed. ~~He~~ is like what ~~he~~ is today. Always the same courage, the same determination, the same care and the same passion. Never does he relax his effort, and everything down to the least detail reveals in him the unshakable will to take part in the history of his time. Deprived for a long time of his most elementary right, he found the necessary means so that we might hear him. Present wherever it was necessary, in Peekskill first before an immense audience or simply before a telephone to answer, in spite of everything, to the entreaties which came to him from everywhere.

Obliged then not to leave the American territory, PAUL ROBESON pursued the object of his mission.

Sometimes people wondered, in his own country, at his "obstinacy" in remaining faithful to his past. He was even asked why he had not, long before this, chosen to settle abroad.

Then PAUL ROBESON replied: "Because my father was a slave and my ancestors died building this country. I remain here because it is my right, just the same as you have. No fascist pressure shall be able to make me go. Is this clear?"

As his passport was taken from him, for eight years the great artist fought in America: giving lectures, singing as soon as he was able, receiving many visitors, writing his memoirs which he was to publish later as a beautiful book, each

page of it an act of faith in mankind, a lesson of integrity, an appeal to freedom and brotherhood.

A Book, A Man

This book - his autobiography - explains ROBESON completely, whether he writes about his art or his researches or his convictions.

As a musician he reveals an unbounded curiosity and pays particular attention to showing the value of his discoveries by constant parallels. If he studies the work of Bartok and Hungarian folklore, he knows how to compare them with African folklore, he can point to echoes and analogies more than resemblances. And everything, in his view, goes to show the universality of music. On this subject he is inexhaustible and ardent.

I remember a long talk with him, in London, two years ago! Holding the scores, he was talking to me of DEBUSSY; he quoted "Pelleas and Melisande", stopped awhile and to confirm what he had just said, he sang in an undertone a melody from MUSORGSKI's "Boris and Godunov".

Then he took up a Hebrew melody, a prayer and added immediately without any comment, an African incantation.

This anxiety to convince, PAUL ROBESON has it also, when he is pleading for justice or protesting against cruelty. In everything he is just and generous.

In this same book, when he addresses the colored children of Little Rock, he wants his racial brethren to feel the anxiety and the action of men of all lands.

"You are our children, he says to them, but the peoples of the whole world claim you also. They have seen your faces and the faces of all those who hate you. They are on your side. They see in you the qualities which parents everywhere wish to see in their children. Their best wishes - the love of all good people for children - they give to you."

This is only one detail among many others which reveal equally his kindness. Would not one think after these lines that PAUL ROBESON is going to sing? And indeed he almost does so in this place when he quotes a poem of PABLO NERUDA.

This is PAUL ROBESON who cannot - and does not wish to - dissociate art from life, certain as he is that true artists always have been able, in their way, to sing, fight and combat in the only way he knows to be possible, the way of a realism which has always manifested itself in the great periods of artistic history, whether the creators were poets or musicians, whether we are dealing with Beethoven or the popular story teller of the African forest.

In a short ~~while~~, PAUL ROBESON will be among us. Sunday he will bring us all the love of the world to share. We are awaiting him.

GEORGES LEON

PAUL L. ROBESON

L'Humanité (GEORGES LEON) September 3, 1960

Good day to you, PAUL ROBESON!

PAUL ROBESON landed on French soil yesterday afternoon, at the Bourget airport where a delegation of "L'Humanité" led by our comrade ROGER ROUCHAUTE, the paper's manager, was waiting for him.

He met us at once with a smile on his lips and drew near to embrace us. Then after the greetings, he expressed at once his joy at being here, at finding "all of you again on Sunday at La Courneuve, at singing before you" and showing thus by his presence that our Festival has in his eyes a great importance.

The travelers, who came from London with him, had been watching him for a while, as he was waiting for his bags at the customs. A young woman came up to him with an envelope. PAUL ROBESON took it and thus signed his first autograph. In the hall of the airport, people recognized him and we heard frequently the words: "at La Courneuve".

The car which took us to the hotel followed a road which ran along the festival grounds. P. ROBESON saw the flags which were being raised up the poles, had a glimpse of the colors hoisted on the thousand and one stands and said smiling: "This will be for tomorrow, a fine day."

Hardly had our friend reached his room, when he confided to us how glad he was to see us again, and he added that he had another reason for feeling happy: his brother was in Paris and they were going to meet.

In the restaurant a few minutes later, the head waiter soon managed to make us understand that he also knew the reason for the trip of our guest and that, like us, he was glad of it. He came back at the end of the meal and asked for an autograph "so that he might frame the menu adorned by the signature."

Several times during the meal, ^{he} received marks of sympathy from people who, recognizing him, greeted him

simply, without saying anything or asking for anything.

"My friends, how good it is to be here without being treated as an unapproachable personage. This is the way I like to find again my Parisian friends. Indeed I am very glad to be here again. Every sojourn in your city reminds me of the unforgettable welcome which the French workers gave me as I was coming back from Spain in 1937. And how could I forget that Saturday of last September, when I sang on the Meudon terraces?"

JEAN WIENER, whom we shall applaud tomorrow by the side of PAUL ROBESON, came for the dessert. And soon, their conversation took a musical turn. PAUL ROBESON spoke of BACH, BEETHOVEN and BARTOK, of his researches, of his studies and of a work which he has just completed. He became fiery trying to convince us. He was happy. We left him then, to find him again a few hours later at "L'Humanite", where he was anxious to greet in person all the comrades of the paper.

He was received by our comrades ETIENNE FAJON, the Editor of "L'Humanite" and WALDECK ROCHET, members of the Political Bureau, ROGER ROUCHAUTE, the Manager, GASTON PLISSONNIER of the Central Committee, RENE ANDRIEU, the Editor of the paper, and ANDRE CARREL the Editor of the Sunday edition (L'Humanite - Dimanche). As he came into the room, PAUL ROBESON was greeted by his brother who was waiting for him and by all those who everyday get up "L'Humana" and who, last night, expressed by their applause the admiration and the respect which they all feel for him.

ETIENNE FAJON began: "Dear PAUL ROBESON, I remember that, last year, when the time came to part after your unforgettable Meudon recital, I had thought I could say: 'Until we meet again!'. I say (now): we are happy to have you among us."

"If PAUL ROBESON had not come, our Festival would have lost a part of its beauty. I welcome him in this house where the collaborators claimed the privilege of being the first to applaud him, as they know well that, with him, art cannot be dissociated from the struggle."

The acclamations which followed our editor's words, showed to PAUL ROBESON our delight in thanking him for coming. He rose to say: -

"Is it necessary for me to dwell on my pleasure in being in this house again? As, a little while ago, I was passing by in the street, I recognized the front of your house and I felt deeply stirred. Indeed, I am especially happy today...."

Suddenly PAUL ROBESON's voice rose stronger:

"Indeed, my friends, I am happy. I am with you and I am now thinking of what JOLIO - CURIE used to say again and again: 'It is the peoples who will impose and make a lasting peace.' So long, until tomorrow."

While he was raising his glass to our common friendship and success, PAUL ROBESON met the very great Soviet singer, ZARIA DOLUKHANOVA and the baritone IGOR SOROKIN, whom you will hear in a little while. Near them, a tall youth gave vent to his joy. He was the pianist IEROKIN, who had accompanied PAUL ROBESON in Moscow. Then began among the artists the friendly talk, but soon it had to be interrupted, as ZANIA (sic) DOLUKHANOVA was going to rehearse. However, she confided to us her pleasure to appear before you, to find again Paris which acclaimed her, seven years ago, after an extraordinary recital. You are going to acclaim her. Hers is one of the golden voices of our time.

GEORGES LEON.

Above the article, a picture of the Soviet singer Z. DOLUKHANOVA and PAUL ROBESON. Center, the arrival of P. ROBESON at L⁶ Bourget.

Notice accompanying the pictures:

The reception of P. ROBESON and of the Soviet artists, Z. DOLUKHANOVA, IGOR SOROKIN, ALEXANDER IEROKIN took place, last night, in the large hall of "L'Humanite", then in the office of our comrade, ETIENNE FAJON, in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

There was talk of music. They recalled the success of our past Festivals. Our friend, RATIANI, the correspondent

of "PRAVDA" in Paris, acted as interpreter. P. ROBESON was conversing with the pianist IEROKIN, Z. DOLUKHANOVA recalled her first visit to France. ETIENNE FAJON wished to all, the deserved applause. Our photographers took the pictures of our meeting, as you can see, with Z. DOLUKHANOVA and P. ROBESON above; and, beneath, P. ROBESON accompanied by E. FAJON and WALDECK ROCHET.

A few hours earlier, at Le Bourget, a delegation of "L'Humanite" had welcomed the great singer; near by him, you can recognize our manager, R. ROUCHAUTE and our collaborator, G. LEON.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: September 8, 1960
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris letter 9/1/60.

Enclosed herewith are two newspaper articles with photographs of the subject which appeared in "L'Humanite", French daily Communist Party newspaper, on 9/2-3/60 in connection with his appearance at the annual Communist Party festival held at La Courneuve, France.

In view of the information contained in the enclosed clippings, which describe ROBESON's participation in a Communist-sponsored festival and which demonstrate his affection for several well known French Communists, it is suggested that the enclosures be reviewed by a French translator for pertinent information.

Any additional data obtained will be forwarded to the Bureau and Legat, London.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 9-27-60

FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Reference Bonn letter 11-3-59.

The "Berliner Zeitung", an East German newspaper, reported on 9-14-60 that PAUL ROBESON, among others, will take part in the East Berlin Cultural Festival October 1/16, 1960.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
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Date: October 10, 1960
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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The 10/6/60 issue of "L'Humanite", daily organ of the French Communist Party, contained an article, dated 10/5/60 at Berlin, which is translated as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON today received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from Humboldt University in East Berlin. The great singer is presently in East Berlin, where he will give several concerts during the 'Cultural Week' organized in honor of the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the 'Democratic German Republic' on October 7."

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

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FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720)

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